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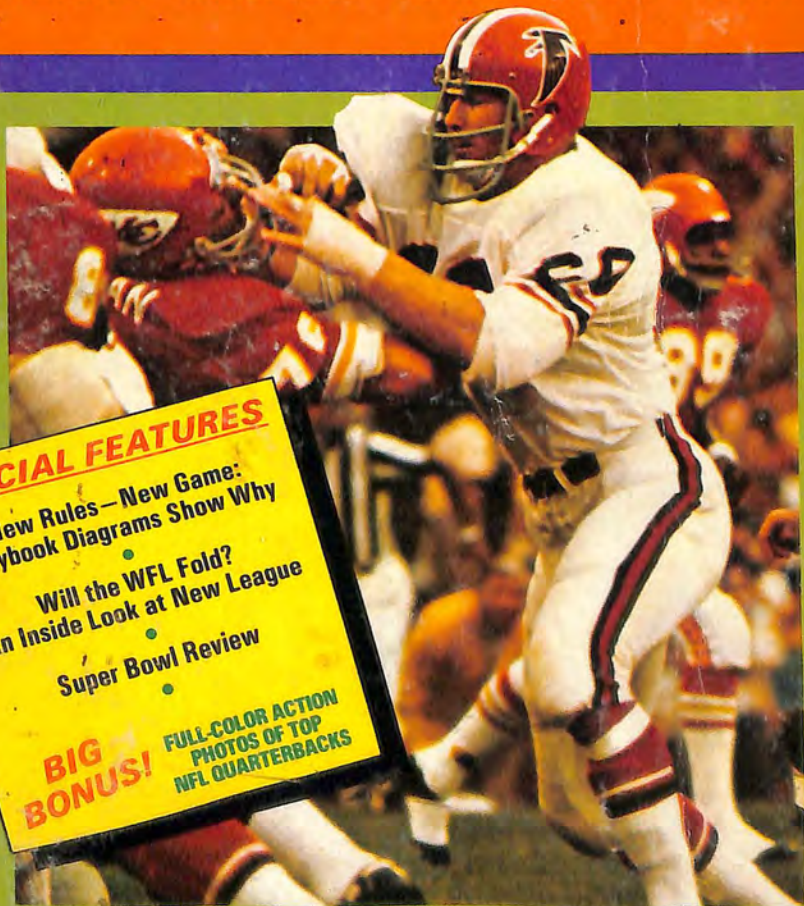
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Harold Jackson's TD-catching makes Rams favorites in NFC western race.

1974: QUESTIONS

■ Questions . . . questions. What would the approach of a pro football season be without them?

As the National Football League girds for the 1974 season, however, there are more than the usual number of questions, some of them bearing significantly on the game itself.

For instance: will there even be a 1974 NFL season?

As this edition of the Illustrated Digest of Pro Football went to press, the NFL Players' Association, an organization growing in militancy, was locked in a virtual death struggle with 26 angry, confused and frustrated club

owners, and the issues were so grave and far reaching ("... they threaten the very structure of our sport" in the words of one owner) that many insiders doubted they could be resolved in time to open the training camps in early July.

Even if the camps do open on schedule, there will be other sensitive questions confronting the NFL. What effect will the upstart World Football League have on Pete Rozelle's Establishment? More specifically, how will a host of NFL clubs contend with the problem of "lame duck" stars (Larry Csonka, Jim Kiick and Paul Warfield of Miami are

prime examples) who have signed future WFL contracts and who, in a sense, will merely be marking time until the anxiously-awaited expiration of their option year with the NFL?

Answers to these questions will not be easily found. Indeed, many NFL coaches and general managers are afraid of what the answers might reveal. No matter how one looks at the situation, there's a morale problem in the autumn wind, and it quite likely will blow over a number of NFL franchise cities.

Assuming a player strike can be averted and assuming further that the WFL-bound "lame ducks" give it the old college try for their present teams, what then? Will the Dolphins make it three straight in the Super Bowl? Will 1974 mark the beginning of the end for such perennial powers as Dallas, Washington, Minnesota, Kansas City and Oakland? Are the "new" L.A. Rams for real? Can Cincinnati, Denver, Buffalo and Atlanta be rated legitimate playoff contenders?

Unless Csonka, Klick and Warfield are pre-occupied with counting their WFL money, the Miami Dolphins shouldn't experience any difficulty repeating as AFC champions and earning a trip to Super Bowl IX next January. But once there, it may be something else; winning a third straight Super Bowl won't be easy. The pressure on the

Dolphins will be tremendous. The odds and the percentages will be against them. Still, they have the manpower, the talent and, perhaps most importantly, they know they have won the Big One twice before. Miami's offensive and defensive lines are intact, the secondary is the best in the NFL, Bob Griese is still a great quarterback, and Mercury Morris joins Csonka and Kiick in a truly formidable backfield.

The next question: Who will make it to the Super Bowl to bar the Dolphins' way to a third straight world championship?

Dallas, as always, is a prime contender but perhaps not as strong as in recent years. The Cowboys have been hit heavily by the WFL raiding parties. Age is creeping up on them in key spots. Some people think Dallas may have crested during its Super Bowl year of 1971—and is now in decline. Ditto the Washington Redskins who, like Dallas, finished 10-4 last year but were incapable of extending their momentum through the playoffs. George Allen's club is really creaking with age. No less than 25 of the 40 returning veterans are over 30! Age in athletes is not always a drawback, especially when the team is winning. When the chances of victory fade, however, as they could for the Redskins this year, aging athletes have a habit of losing their desire. In a sense, youthful

enthusiasm is replaced by mature realism. Washington's defense is sound but the offense is suspect; Sonny Jurgensen is 40 years old, Larry Brown has lost his blinding acceleration, Roy Jefferson is the lone quality deep receiver.

Minnesota threw its Sunday punch (12-2) last season—and lost. Now it's up to coach Bud Grant to motivate his aging NFL champions (22 veterans will never see 30 again!) for another grab at the Super Bowl brass ring. Fran Tarkenton, Chuck Foreman and John Gilliam give the Vikings offensive firepower but the famed Minnesota defense no longer causes rivals to shake with fear in the locker room.

The Kansas City Chiefs are at the crossroads. They have a winning tradition, a rugged defense and a fine coach. But the offense leaves much to be desired, and it was this flaw that dropped Hank Stram's team to a 7-5-2 record last year—a mark, by the way, which was duplicated by the improved young Denver Broncos. If the Chiefs don't do it this year, Stram may have to clean house and start from scratch again.

The Oakland Raiders, with accurate-throwing Ken Stabler at quarterback, with sound running, with a strong defense keyed by Otis Sistrunk, Bubba Smith, Jack Tatum and Willie Brown, and with a proven of-

fensive line, should win the AFC west in 1974. But they have been favored to win it many times in the past, only to lose the one big game along the way that cost them the title and a return trip to the Super Bowl. Oakland once again has the talent; whether the Raiders have the ability to overcome their perennial bridesmaid's role is another thing.

How good are the Los Angeles Rams? They looked super last year, the first under coach Chuck Knox, posting a 12-2 record and leading the NFL in scoring, offense and defense. Quarterback John Hadl pulled the attack together, throwing the long TD bombs to Harold Jackson (13 TD catches), and Larry McCutcheon and Jim Bertelsen engineered a powerful running game. Joining this elite group in 1974 is Heisman Trophy winner John Cappelletti from Penn State. This, plus an awesome defense, adds up to trouble for Ram foes this season—that is, if Los Angeles is really as good as it looked the last time around.

The Rams have one edge—the competition they face in the NFC western division isn't overpowering. Atlanta, 9-5 last year, poses a mild threat but new Orleans and San Francisco can't match L.A.'s firepower over the long haul. The Saints are improving but they're still a long way from being title contenders.

Likewise, Minnesota is in a class by itself in the NFC central race. Detroit and Green Bay are coming off disappointing campaigns in 1973 and the poor Chicago Bears seem destined for another finish in the division wine cellar.

The toughest of all battles may develop in the AFC central division, where Cincinnati, the defending champion, is certain to encounter stiff opposition from Pittsburgh, which, like Cincy, was 10-4 last year, and the always-formidable Cleveland Browns. Only woeful Houston seems out of it in this sectional dogfight.

If the Dolphins are to be challenged in the AFC eastern race, the challenge may have to come from the Buffalo Bills, who rode O. J. Simpson's 2,003 yards to a 9-5 finish in 1973 and who appear to be a club on the way to contending status. Joe Ferguson has been installed as the Bills' regular QB and he has three top receivers in J. D. Hill, Bob Chandler and rookie Reuben Gannett. This adds up to an improved aerial game to complement Simpson's overland sorties. The Bills may not possess Miami's overall talent and depth but they may not be too far behind, either.

New England doesn't yet appear ready to mount a playoff threat in the AFC east. Baltimore is in a rebuilding process and the Jets—well, the

Jets may be the biggest question mark in the division. As long as Joe Namath is throwing for them, the New Yorkers are dangerous. But they'll need more than Broadway Joe's arm to get them into the post-season playoff scramble.

One of the surprise teams of 1974 might be the vastly improved Philadelphia Eagles, who finished third to Dallas and Washington in the NFC east last year with a 5-8-1 mark. Roman Gabriel, at quarterback, gives Philly first-class passing, and Tom Sullivan and the veteran Norm Bulaich are strong runners. The Eagles seem to have shaken their losing complex, and this is half the battle in the emotional game of pro football.

The St. Louis Cardinals are capable of improving on last season's 4-9-1 record in the NFC east but the Giants have precious little hope of escaping the dungeon, even though new coach Bill Arnsparger is supposed to have brought the Dolphins' winning ways to New York with him.

Overall, it would appear that the NFL's super powers—Miami, Minnesota, Dallas and maybe Washington—have the edge for 1974. But it is also evident that time may be running out on the present dynasties and that younger, hungrier clubs—like Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Atlanta and Buffalo—are not to be held off much longer.●

ATLANTA FALCONS



In 1973, Falcons QB Bob Lee (19) was NFC's seventh-ranked passer.

Norm Van Brocklin's Falcons continue to improve. The Dutchman's off-season acquisition of former Viking QB Bob Lee gave the Falcon offense the extra winning edge it needed to match the skill of one of the finest defense units in the league.

Lee, who took over the starting QB role from Dick Shiner, keyed the Falcons challenge to Los Angeles after a disastrous three-week period that saw Atlanta lose to the Rams, Lions and Forty-Niners without scoring a touchdown.

Seemingly out of the NFC Western Race, and with the fans yelling for a change in both coaches and quarterbacks, the

Falcons rallied behind Lee's generalship to run off seven consecutive victories, the most impressive of which came against Minnesota and Fran Tarkenton in a 20-14 Monday Night ending of the Vikings own 10-game win streak.

Atlanta's finely-balanced rushing attack is led by Dave Hampton, Art Malone and Eddie Ray. The continued development of Lee will give the Falcons their best passing potential since Randy Johnson's expansion season. Super-strong Jim Mitchell, rated by many observers as the finest blocking tight end in the league, was the club's leading receiver. Atlanta's offensive line, led by tackles George Kunz and Bill Sandeman, excels in both phases of the game.

Defensively, the Falcons' major assets can be found in the pass rushing abilities of All-Pro defensive ends Claude Humphrey and John Zook. Tommy Nobis and Don Hansen are among the NFL's top linebackers, and in Ken Reaves, Tom Hayes, Clarence Ellis and Ray Brown, the Falcons boast one of the best defensive secondaries in the game.

The NFC Offensive Rookie of the year was Nick Mike-Mayer the Falcons' 10th-round draft choice who gave the team its best and most accurate field goal efforts ever.

Atlanta Veteran Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Pro		No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Pro	
					Age	Yr						Age	Yr.
63	Bebout, N.	T	6-5	260	23	2	78	Marx, G.	DE	6-4	260	24	2
51	Benson, D.	LB	6-2	220	29	8	33	Matthews, H.	RB	6-3	212	25	3
50	Brezina, G.	LB	6-1	221	28	6	64	Maurer, A.	G	6-3	247	26	5
34	Brown, R.	S	6-2	202	25	4	83	Mialik, L.	TE	6-1	226	24	3
82	Burrow, K.	WR	6-0	191	26	4	12	Mike-Mayer, N.	K	5-9	187	24	2
41	Dodd, A.	WR	6-0	178	29	7	55	Miller, J.	G	6-3	240	25	4
32	Easterling, R.	S	6-0	192	25	3	86	Mitchell, J.	TE	6-1	236	27	6
29	Ellis, C.	S	6-0	190	24	3	52	Mitchell, K.	LB	6-1	224	26	2
66	Fritsch, T.	C	6-2	242	24	3	80	Neal, L.	WR	6-4	215	24	2
84	Geredine, T.	WR	6-2	189	24	2	60	Nobis, T.	LB	6-2	243	30	9
65	Gotshalk, L.	T	6-4	259	25	3	35	Plummer, T.	S	5-10	187	27	5
43	Hampton, D.	RB	6-0	202	27	6	44	Ray, E.	RB	6-2	240	27	5
58	Hansen, D.	LB	6-2	228	30	8	36	Reaves, K.	CB	6-3	209	30	9
56	Havig, D.	G	6-2	256	25	3	85	Riley, P.	WR	6-1	190	26	4
27	Hayes, T.	CB	6-1	198	28	4	61	Sandeman, B.	T	6-6	265	32	9
40	Highsmith, D.	RB	6-0	205	26	5	7	Sullivan, P.	QB	5-11	201	24	3
87	Humphrey, C.	DE	6-5	265	30	7	74	Tilleman, M.	DT	6-7	278	30	8
6	James, J.	P	6-3	200	25	3	57	Van Note, J.	C	6-2	247	28	6
75	Kunz, G.	T	6-6	268	27	6	5	Wages, H.	RB	6-1	212	28	6
22	Lawrence, R.	CB	5-10	179	23	2	79	Walker, C.	DT	6-3	261	33	11
19	Lee, B.	QB	6-2	201	28	6	59	Warwick, L.	LB	6-2	240	32	10
69	Lewis, M.	DT	6-4	261	25	4	30	Washington, J.	RB	5-9	180	23	2
25	Malone, A.	RB	6-0	216	26	5	71	Zook, J.	DE	6-5	249	27	6
77	Manning, R.	DT	6-5	255	24	3							

Atlanta Schedule

September 15	DALLAS	4:00 p.m.
September 22	SAN FRANCISCO	1:00 p.m.
September 29	at New Orleans	1:00 p.m.
October 6	at New York Giants	1:00 p.m.
October 13	CHICAGO	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 20	NEW ORLEANS	1:00 p.m.
October 28	at Pittsburgh (Mon.)	9:00 p.m.
November 3	at Miami	4:00 p.m.
November 10	at Los Angeles	1:00 p.m.
November 17	BALTIMORE	1:00 p.m.
November 24	at San Francisco	1:00 p.m.
December 1	LOS ANGELES	4:00 p.m.
December 7	at Minnesota (Sat.)	12:00 p.m.
December 15	GREEN BAY	1:00 p.m.

Atlanta Key Players



RAY BROWN, DB, 6-2, 198, 4th yr., Age 25, WEST TEXAS STATE
Brown has been Falcons' starting free safety since 1971 and has 11 interceptions in three seasons. His six thefts led club in '73, and he returned two for TDs. A former college teammate of both Mercury Morris and Duane Thomas, Brown is also excellent punt returner.

KEN BURROW, WR, 6-0, 191, 4th yr., Age 26, SAN DIEGO STATE
Best receiver on club, and was headed for finest season until neck injury sidelined him for final five weeks of play. One of three '71 Falcon draft choices from San Diego State, Ken had 31 catches good for 567 yards and 7 scores before injury.



CLARENCE ELLIS, DB, 6-0, 190, 3rd yr., age 24, NOTRE DAME
Falcons' number one pick in '72 draft and has been regular strong-side safety since coming to team. Was cornerback in college. Had two interceptions and 45.0 return avg. last season to up career steal mark to five. Ellis was voted to NFL All-Rookie team of 1971.

DAVE HAMPTON, RB, 6-0, 202, 6th yr., age 27, WYOMING
Only nine yards separate Hampton from two successive 1,000 yard seasons. Dave followed fine '72 season with 997 yards rushing for two year Falcon mark of 1991 yards on 493 attempts. Played in same college backfield as Dolphins' Jim Kiick before being drafted by the Packers.



DON HANSEN, LB, 6-2, 228, 8th yr., age 30, ILLINOIS
Voted the Falcons' MVP in '71 when he filled in at MLB for Tommy Nobis. Hansen is a rugged, versatile performer who is noted for his crunching ability to tackle people in one on one situations. Has finally emerged from the shadow of the tag as 'the other linebacker.'

CLAUDE HUMPHREY, DE, 6-5, 265, 7th yr., age 30, TENN STATE
Six years in the NFL and six years a defensive superstar who has been voted to the Pro Bowl every season. Humphrey is a quick, strong and punishing pass rusher who delights in tormenting opposing passers. A first round pick in 1968, Claude has played in all but two of 84 regular season games.



GEORGE KUNZ, T, 6-6, 268, 6th yr., age 27, NOTRE DAME
As the Falcons' number one pick in the 1970 draft, Kunz was the second player chosen. He's had spectacular pro career, and has been named to the NFC Pro Bowl starting lineup for the past three years. George is an excellent blocker for both the pass and the run.

BOB LEE, QB, 6-2, 201, 6th yr., age 28, PACIFIC
Van Brocklin wanted a QB "who would win the big games," and Bob Lee proved the Dutchman right as the Falcons won all but one of the ten regular season games started by the former Viking who came to Atlanta in exchange for Bob Berry. Lee, the son of a sportswriter, plays Van Brocklin's kind of football.





JIM MITCHELL, TE, 6-1, 236, 6th year, age 27, PRAIRIE VIEW

Hard to believe this is Mitchell's sixth NFL season. Rated by many opposing players and coaches as the best at his position from both a receiving and blocking standpoint, Mitchell was once again the Falcons leading receiver. Had 32 catches, and a 13.1 yd. average per reception.

TOMMY NOBIS, MLB, 6-2, 243, 9th yr., age 30, TEXAS

The first of the Original Falcons, Nobis was the first player selected in the 1966 NFL draft. This was after a tremendous college career at Texas where he earned every conceivable football honor. Plagued of late by a series of knee injuries, Nobis has returned to regular lineup.



EDDIE RAY, RB, 240, 5th yr., age 27, LSU

Ray was an All-SEC running back at LSU and was selected in the fourth round of the 1970 draft by the Patriots. In view of his performance a year ago in which he was the Falcons' leading TD maker with 9 rushing and 2 receiving, as well as the team's second leading rusher.

MIKE TILLEMEN, DT, 6-7, 278, 8th yr., age 30, MONTANA

Acquired from the Oilers a year ago in exchange for a number one draft choice, Mike Tillemann is the best defensive tackle the team has had. Not only is he effective against the run, he is also a devastating pass rusher.



JOHN ZOOK, DE, 6-5, 249, 6th yr., age 27, KANSAS

A lot of people feel that Zook is the Falcons' best defensive lineman. Big John is extremely quick, and has superior size to go along with great strength. The Zook-Humphrey pairing gives the Falcons the finest outside pass rush in football.

Norm Van Brocklin
Head Coach

Has been Atlanta's head coach since the fourth game of the 1968 season, when he took over for Norb Hecker, who was released. Named general manager in January of 1970 after a 6-8-0 1969 season. Named coach of new Minnesota Vikings franchise which entered NFL in 1961 and won its first league game, 37-13, over Chicago Bears. Van Brocklin's coaching record is 57-88-6. Los Angeles Rams' fourth draft choice in 1949 and led NFL in passing in 1950, '52 and '54, and in punting in '55 and '56. Set NFL record of 554 yards passing in single game (Rams vs. New York Yankees, September 28, 1951). Threw winning TD pass to Tom Fears in Rams' 1951 NFL championship victory. Traded to Philadelphia Eagles before 1958 season, and led them to world championship in final year as player, 1960. Played in nine Pro Bowl games, on two world championship teams, three conference winners and one conference co-champion.



Atlanta 1973 Club Leaders

RUSHING	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Hampton	263	997	3.8	25	4
Ray	96	434	4.5	17	9
Malone	76	336	4.4	14	2
Lee	29	67	2.3	11	0
Wages	18	47	2.6	13	1

PASSING	Att.	Comp	Pct.	Yds.	TDs	Int
Lee	230	120	52.2	1786	10	8
Sullivan	26	14	53.8	175	1	0

PASS REC.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Mitchell	32	420	13.1	50	0
Burrow	31	567	18.3	57	7
Hampton	25	273	10.9	22	1
Dodd	19	291	15.3	25	0
Ray	19	192	10.1	39	2
Malone	19	177	9.3	33	1
Geredine	12	231	19.3	46	0
Neal	5	131	26.2	50	1

INTERCEP- TIONS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Brown	6	99	16.5	24	0

Hayes	4	142	35.5	65	2
Brezina	3	51	17.0	36	0
Ellis	2	90	45.0	48	0
Reaves	2	20	10.0	11	0

KICKOFF RET.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
J. Washington ..	20	432	21.6	30	0
Hampton	11	258	23.5	42	0
Geredine	9	211	23.4	51	0
Plummer	5	115	23.0	37	0

PUNT RET.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Brown	40	360	9.0	57	0
Dodd	8	39	8.6	28	0

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	BLK
James	63	2682	42.6	72	0

SCORING	TDR	TDP	TDs	PAT	FG	Pts.
M-Meyer ...	0	0	0	34	26	112
Ray	9	2	11	0	0	66
Burrow	0	7	7	4	0	42
Hampton ..	4	1	5	0	0	30
Malone	2	1	3	0	0	18

Atlanta All-Time Club Leaders

RUSHING

Jim Butler with 609 carries for 2,250 yards	(1968-71)
Dave Hampton, 493 carries for 1,992 yards	(1972-'73)

PASSING

Bob Berry with 598 completions in 1,049 attempts for 8,488 yards and 57 TDs	(1966-'72)
Randy Johnson, with 435 completions in 904 attempts for 5,538 yards and 34 TDs	(1966-70)

PASS RECEIVING

Jim Mitchell, with 159 receptions for 2,472 yards	(1969-73)
Paul Flatley with 104 receptions for 1,683 yards	(1968-70)

INTERCEPTIONS

Ken Reaves, with 26	(1966-73)
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SCORING

Bill Bell, with 147 points	(1971-72)
Bob Etter, with 128 points	(1968-69)
Nick Mike-Mayer, with 112 points	(1973)

CHICAGO BEARS

Despite a disappointing 4-10 record a year ago, the Bears must be still classified as an improved football team, especially from a defensive standpoint.

After getting off to their best pre-season start in over a decade (Chicago lost only one of six summer games), Gibron's forces ran afoul of some terrible luck, and in one case, a poor coaching decision. In the season opener against Dallas, the Bears were in excellent position to tie the Cowboys but Gibron went for a fourth down gamble and came up empty. Unfortunately, the entire Bear season turned on that play.

Gibron's toughest decision for the upcoming season will revolve around his selection of a starting QB. Does he go with Bobby Douglass or Gary Huff? Douglass would seem to be the favorite to retain his starting spot. However, his off-season knee surgery could give Huff an early start and a lot of pre-season playing time.

Other Bear stars on offense include Carl Garrett, who led the team in just about every important offensive category, and wide receivers Earl Thomas and George Farmer. However, the Bear passing game is comparatively deficient because of Douglass' inaccuracy and his penchant for running with the ball in pressure situations.



Cornerback Charlie Ford (32) keys a ballhawking Bears secondary.

Defensively, Chicago is a competitive team. The addition of first-round pick Waymond Bryant should make it easier for Dick Butkus* to switch to offense. The most improved area of the team is its once-anemic pass rush. Wally Chambers, the NFC defensive Rookie of the Year, solidified the middle of the Bear front four, and together with Jim Osborne, Chambers was responsible for 19 QB sacks.

If they get any degree of scoreboard support from their offense, the Bears should help decide which team wins the NFC Central Division title.

*Retired

Chicago Veteran Roster

Pro						Pro					
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age Yr	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age Yr.
79	Antoine, L.	T	6-6	255	24 3	29	Jeter, B.	S	6-1	200	37 12
74	Asher, B.	T	6-6	260	26 4	84	Juenger, D.	WR	6-1	195	23 2
12	Bratkowski, Z.	QB	6-3	200	42 14	63	Kinney, S.	T	6-5	255	25 2
55	Buffone, D.	LB	6-2	225	30 9	33	Kosins, G.	RB	6-2	220	25 3
* 51	Butkus, D.	LB	6-3	245	31 10	36	Lawson, R.	RB	6-2	215	24 3
60	Chambers, W.	D-T	6-6	250	23 2	44	Lyle, G.	S	6-2	198	28 7
53	Clark, G.	LB	6-2	227	23 2	71	McGee, T.	DE	6-4	250	25 4
25	Clemons, C.	S	5-11	200	25 3	45	Moore, J.	RB	6-1	205	25 3
52	Coady, R.	C	6-3	235	29 5	78	Newton, B.	G	6-4	250	25 4
80	Cotton, C.	TE	6-2	225	27 6	68	Osborne, J.	DT	6-3	250	24 3
10	Douglass, B.	QB	6-4	225	27 6	86	Parsons, B.	TE	6-5	234	24 3
48	Ellis, A.	CB	5-10	178	23 2	83	Percival, M.	K	6-4	220	34 8
43	Farmer, G.	WR	6-4	214	26 5	58	Pifferini, B.	LB	6-2	226	24 3
32	Ford, Ch.	CB	6-3	185	25 4	81	Reppond, M.	WR	6-0	179	23 2
26	Garrett, C.	RB	5-10	210	27 6	87	Reynolds, T.	WR	6-3	200	24 2
88	Green, B. J.	P	5-11	175	38 15	70	Rice, A.	DT	6-2	250	32 7
30	Gunn, J.	LB	6-1	220	25 4	57	Rives, D.	LB	6-2	215	23 2
75	Hale, D.	DT	6-8	255	27 4	24	Roberts, W.	CB	6-1	190	26 2
35	Harrison, J.	RB	6-4	235	26 4	15	Roder, M.	K	6-1	218	30 2
17	Hill, I.	WR	5-10	180	27 4	39	Sanderson, R.	RB	5-10	206	23 2
61	Holloway, G.	G	6-2	255	25 5	20	Taylor, J.	CB	6-0	200	33 8
72	Hrivnak, G.	DE	6-5	248	23 2	82	Thomas, E.	WR	6-2	215	25 4
19	Huff, G.	QB	6-1	200	23 2	89	Tom, M.	DE	6-4	249	33 8
65	Jackson, R.	T	6-5	250	30 8	21	Turner, C.	WR	5-10	176	30 7
59	Janet, E.	G	6-4	250	25 3	54	Young, A.	LB	6-1	232	28 7

* Retired

Chicago Schedule

September 15	DETROIT	1:00 p.m.
September 22	NEW YORK JETS	1:00 p.m.
September 29	at Minnesota	1:00 p.m.
October 6	NEW ORLEANS	1:00 p.m.
October 13	at Atlanta	1:00 p.m.
October 21	GREEN BAY (Mon.)	8:00 p.m.
October 27	at Buffalo	1:00 p.m.
November 3	MINNESOTA	1:00 p.m.
November 10	vs. Green Bay (Mil)	1:00 p.m.
November 17	SAN FRANCISCO	1:00 p.m.
November 24	at Detroit	1:00 p.m.
December 1	NEW YORK GIANTS	1:00 p.m.
December 8	at San Diego	1:00 p.m.
December 15	at Washington	1:00 p.m.

Chicago Key Players



BOB ASHER, T, 6-6, 260, 4th yr., age 26, VANDERBILT

Asher has been regular right tackle for past two seasons. Became Bear in Jack Concannon trade with Dallas. Was Cowboys' second round choice in '70 draft. Rapid development and consistent improvement stabilized right side of Bear line. Fine pass blocker.

DOUG BUFFONE, LB, 6-2, 225, 9th yr., age 30, LOUISVILLE

One of best outside linebackers in football, Buffone has started for Bears since 1967. Stole three passes to give him career figure of 16. Tough tackler, good force man and excellent pass coverage. Buffone is working on 112 consecutive game playing streak.



***DICK BUTKUS, MLB, 6-3, 245, 10th yr., age 31, ILLINOIS**

Once the best at his position, time has taken its toll on Butkus. Burdened with recurring knee problems, Dick missed 5 games last season. Still rated as excellent tackler, his ailing knees have hurt his pass defense. Career stats show 25 fumble recoveries (NFL record), 22 interceptions, 1 TD, 1 safety and 2 extra points.

WALLY CHAMBERS, DT, 6-6, 250, 2nd yr., age 23, EAST. KY.

Consensus pick as NFC defensive Rookie of the Year, Chambers was only Bear and lone first year player to earn NFC Pro Bowl honors. Superb combination of speed and strength enabled the 6-6 Chambers to sack opposing QBs nine times. Was Bears' top pick in '73 draft.



RICH COADY, C, 6-3, 235, 5th yr., age 29, MEMPHIS STATE

Originally a TE, Rich was moved to center at start of the '71 campaign, and has been regular since. Coaches say Coady has good techniques for his limited experience and credit him with fine job of calling blocking assignments. Could face stiff fight for job if Butkus is moved to offense.

BOBBY DOUGLASS, QB, 6-4, 225, 6th yr., age 27, KANSAS

It finally happened. Douglass went down with a knee injury against the Vikings and missed Bears' final three games. After coming within 32 yards of a 1,000-yard season as a runner a year ago, Douglass was under orders from Abe Giron to cut down on his scrambling antics.



GEORGE FARMER, WR, 6-4, 214, 5th yr., age 26, UCLA

An excellent receiver who has all the tools—speed, quickness and excellent size. However, Farmer remains vastly underrated because the Douglas-directed offense seldom gets the ball to him. Last year's figures of 15 catches showed a per catch avg. of 14.6 and give him career mark of 106 receptions, 1647 yards

CARL GARRETT, RB, 5-10, 210, 6th yr., age 27, N.MEX. H'DS

Garrett is finest offensive player Bears have had since Sayers. Led team in rushing, was second in pass receiving and topped all NFL kick return specialists with a gaudy 30.4 avg. Is definitely the most underrated player in the NFL. Has more total yardage than either O. J. Simpson or Jim Brown at a similar career point.



*Retired



GARY HUFF, QB, 6-1, 200, 2nd yr., age 23, FLORIDA STATE
Expected to offer stiff challenge to Douglass for number one spot. Started final three games after fine 6 of 8, 65 yards and 1 TD relief stint against Vikings. Drop back style QB with strong arm. Had 4 TD performance in pre-season clash with Oilers.

TONY McGEE, DE, 6-4, 250, 4th yr., age 25, BISHOP

Combination of strength and quickness makes him outstanding pass rusher. Made excellent recovery from '72 knee surgery. Bears' third pick in '71 draft. Played two seasons at Wyoming before transferring to Bishop.



JIM OSBORNE, DT, 6-3, 250, 3rd yr., age 24, SOUTHERN

Contributed greatly to revitalized Bear pass rush. Led in QB sacks with ten, twice as many as he had in rookie season when he was voted top Bear first year man and winner of the Brian Piccolo award. One of two 1972 seventh round selections.

EARL THOMAS, WR, 6-2, 215, 4th yr., age 25, HOUSTON

Switched from TE to WR, Earl again led Bears in receiving with 24 catches. Scored four times and had 343 total yards. Has same problem as Farmer—Bears' offensive game plans lean heavily to Douglass' kind of attack. Earl's brother Jimmy is a RB with SF. Drafted sixth in 1971.



MEL TOM, DE, 6-4, 249, 8th yr., age 33, SAN JOSE STATE

Obtained from Eagles in mid-season deal, after off-the-field disagreement with Eagle coaches. Native Hawaiian is noted for his pass rushing ability. Also tough on the straight ahead stuff. Had four sacks in first three games as a Bear and finished up with five for the year.

Abe Gibron
Head Coach



Abe Gibron is completely in the Bears tradition as the head coach. In the 54-year history of the team, changes in leadership have been rare but with one exception (Ralph Jones) every top man has had a Bears' background. Gibron has 11 years service with them in all as player and then assistant coach and his is only the sixth different head coaching regime in team history. Owner George S. Halas signed him on January 27, 1972, to a multi-year contract of unannounced duration. Pro football people respect his technical knowledge . . . seven seasons as an assistant have been split into three on offense and four on defense plus direction of the special units plus leadership of the painful calisthenics. Gibron, a native of Michigan City, Ind., and graduate of Purdue University, has been an outstanding pro football personality for 24 years.

Chicago 1973 Club Leaders

RUSHING	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Garrett	175	655	3.7	35	5
Douglass	94	525	5.6	42	5
Harrison	100	370	3.7	17	1
Moore	58	191	3.3	25	0
Lawson	24	70	2.9	12	0
Kosins	24	65	2.7	7	0

Buffone	3	22	7.3	22	0
Clemons	2	30	15.0	30	0
Ford	2	50	25.0	41	0
KICKOFF RET. No. Yds. Avg. Long TDs					
Garrett	16	486	30.4	67	0
Hill	27	637	23.6	95	1

PASSING	Att.	Comp	Pct	Yds.	TDs	Int
Douglass	174	81	46.6	1057	5	7
Huff	126	54	42.9	525	3	8

PUNT RET.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Ike Hill	36	204	5.7	72	1

PASS REC.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Thomas	24	343	14.3	38	4
Garrett	23	292	12.7	39	0
Harrison	21	200	9.5	44	2
Farmer	15	219	14.6	25	1
Cotton	13	186	14.3	63	0
Hill	10	119	11.9	18	0
Lawson	9	60	6.7	21	0
Reynolds	7	127	18.1	30	0
Sanderson	5	23	4.6	9	0
Kosins	4	8	2.0	10	0
Parsons	2	23	11.5	17	1

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	BLK
Green	82	3321	40.5	61	0

SCORING	TDR	TDP	TDs	PAT	FG	Pts
Roder	0	0	0	11	8	35
Douglass	5	0	5	0	0	30
Garrett	5	0	5	0	0	30
Percival	0	0	0	10	6	30
Thomas	0	4	4	0	0	24
Harrison	1	2	3	0	0	18
Hill	0	0	2	0	0	12
Butkus	0	0	1	0	0	6
Farmer	0	1	1	0	0	6
Parsons	0	1	1	0	0	6

INTERCEPTIONS

TIONS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Lyle	5	62	12.4	24	0

Chicago All-Time Club Leaders

RUSHING

Rick Casares, with 1,368 carries for 5,657 yards	(1955-'64)
Gale Sayers, with 991 carries for 4,956 yards	(1965-'71)
Bronco Nagurski, with 873 carries for 4,031 yards	(1930-'37, '43)

PASSING

Sid Luckman, with 904 completions in 1,744 attempts for 14,638 yards	(1939-'50)
Bill Wade with 767 completions in 1,407 attempts for 9,958 yards	(1961-'67)

PASS RECEIVING

Johnny Morris, with 355 receptions for 5,059 yards and 31 TDs	(1955-'67)
Mike Ditka, with 316 receptions for 4,503 yards and 34 TDs	(1961-'66)
Harlon Hill, 226 receptions for 4,615 yards and 40 TDs	(1954-'61)

INTERCEPTIONS

Richie Petitbon, with 37	(1959-'68)
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SCORING

George Blanda, with 541 points	(1949-'58)
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DALLAS COWBOYS



Robert Newhouse (44) averaged 5.2 yards a carry for Cowboys.

As usual, Dallas will challenge for a spot in the post-season playoffs. However, it is impossible to gauge the effects of the WFL raids on the Cowboys who, at the time this was written, were the NFC team most affected by the lame duck contract signings of the new league. Among the Cowboys who are slated to leave Dallas following the 1974 season are Calvin Hill, Craig Morton and Mike Montgomery.

Roger Staubach was the league's leading passer with 23 TD passes and a completion mark of 62.6 per cent. Dallas had nine different receivers in the scoring stats, and with people

like Billy Dupree, Otto Stowe, Drew Pearson and Golden Richards available to challenge veterans Bob Hayes and Mike Montgomery, the Cowboys have not only the best receiving depth in the league, but one of the most competitive situations as well.

Dallas is also extremely proficient at running the ball. Calvin Hill again accounted for over a 1,000 yards and Robert Newhouse showed fine potential as the team's second leading runner. Always tough Walt Garrison may play more this season, and he will be joined by the Cowboys' second of two first round picks, Charley Young, a highly-touted, muscular runner from North Carolina State.

Defensively, the team slipped somewhat, especially in the stats that showed the Cowboy secondary to have ranked 16th in pass coverage. Landry has taken steps toward rebuilding the club's front four. Ed (Too Tall) Jones was the Cowboy's first pick in the draft and the first player chosen as well. Jones is expected to step in and start immediately, thereby upgrading the subpar pass rush. Bob Lilly did not have one of the better seasons of his career, and there are a number of people throughout the league who share the opinion that the injury plagued Lilly is in the twilight of his great career.

Dallas Veteran Roster

Pro					Pro				
No. Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age Yr	No. Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age Yr.
64 Arneson, J.	G-C	6-3	236	23 2	74 Lilly, B.	DT	6-5	260	35 14
53 Babinecz, J.	LB	6-1	222	24 3	51 Manders, D.	C	6-2	250	33 10
31 Barnes, B.	CB	6-1	190	22 3	79 Martin, H.	DE	6-5	262	23 2
56 Barnes, R.	LB	6-1	215	24 2	23 Montgomery	WR	6-2	210	25 4
81 Bateman, M.	P	6-4	213	24 3	14 Morton, C.	QB	6-4	214	31 10
17 Clark, M.	K	6-1	205	34 12	73 Neely, R.	T	6-6	265	30 10
63 Cole, L.	DE	6-4	250	28 7	44 Newhouse, R.	RB	5-10	202	24 3
18 Concannon, J.	QB	6-3	200	30 9	76 Niland, J.	G	6-3	245	30 9
89 DuPree, B.J.	TE	6-4	225	24 2	61 Nye, B.	G	6-4	251	28 7
52 Edwards, D.	LB	6-1	225	34 12	88 Pearson, D.	WR	6-0	175	23 2
62 Fitzgerald, J.	C	6-5	238	26 4	75 Pugh, J.	DT	6-6	260	30 10
15 Fritsch, T.	K	5-7	185	29 4	20 Renfro, M.	CB	6-0	190	32 11
84 Fugett, J.	TE	6-3	219	22 3	83 Richards, G.	WR	6-0	172	23 2
32 Garrison, W.	RB	6-0	205	30 9	45 Robinson, L.	RB	6-4	210	23 2
Gibson, P.	WR	6-2	195	26 2	12 Staubach, R.	QB	6-3	197	32 6
Gipson, T.	DT	6-7	290	26 2	82 Stowe, O.	WR	6-2	188	25 4
34 Green, C.	S	6-3	208	34 13	40 Strayhorn, L.	RB	5-10	205	23 2
77 Gregory, B.	DT	6-5	255	24 4	67 Toomay, P.	DE	6-5	247	26 5
43 Harris, C.	S	6-0	184	25 5	87 Truax, B.	TE	6-5	240	30 10
22 Hayes, B.	WR	5-11	185	31 10	71 Wallace, R.	T	6-5	255	25 4
35 Hill, C.	RB	6-4	227	27 6	78 Walton, B.	G-C	6-6	251	43 2
54 Howley, C.	LB	6-2	225	38 16	46 Washington, M	CB	5-10	188	26 5
55 Jordan, L. R.	LB	6-1	221	33 12	41 Waters, C.	S	6-1	193	25 5
57 Keller, M.	LB	6-4	221	22 2	70 Wright, R.	T	6-6	255	29 8
50 Lewis, D. D.	LB	6-1	225	28 6					

Dallas Schedule

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September 23	at Philadelphia (Mon.)	9:00 p.m.
September 29	NEW YORK GIANTS	1:00 p.m.
October 6	MINNESOTA	3:00 p.m.
October 13	at St. Louis	1:00 p.m.
October 20	PHILADELPHIA	1:00 p.m.
October 27	at New York Giants	1:00 p.m.
November 3	ST. LOUIS	1:00 p.m.
November 10	SAN FRANCISCO	1:00 p.m.
November 17	at Washington	4:00 p.m.
November 24	at Houston	1:00 p.m.
November 28	WASHINGTON (Thanks.)	2:45 p.m.
December 7	CLEVELAND (Sat.)	3:00 p.m.
December 14	at Oakland (Sat.)	6:00 p.m.

Dallas Key Players



BILLY JOE DUPREE, TE, 6-4, 255, 2nd yr., age 24, MICHIGAN ST.
Cowboys' top pick of a year ago had fine rookie season. Dupree was club's second leading receiver with production figures that totaled 29 catches, 392 yards, 5 TDs and a 13.5 average. Continued improvement as a blocker played vital role in success of Cowboy running game.

WALT GARRISON, RB, 6-0, 205, 9th yr., age 30, OKLA. ST.

Has always been a Cowboy—in real life, Garrison is a member of the pro rodeo circuit. Walt shared the FB spot with Robert Newhouse and accounted for 8 TD's, 440 yards rushing and 10.5 avg. on 26 receptions. Garrison is among the toughest third down runners in the game as well as an excellent receiver.



CORNELL GREEN, DB, 6-3, 208, 13th yr., age 34, UTAH STATE

Only Bob Lilly has been a Cowboy longer than Cornell Green. Now in his 13th season, Green has thirteen career pass thefts, despite the fact that 1973 marked the first time he failed to come up with at least one interception. Signed as a free agent in 1962 after an All-American basketball career at Utah State.

CALVIN HILL, RB, 6-4, 227, 6th yr., age 27, YALE

Looks as though 1974 may be Calvin's final season with the Cowboys. The six-year pro and only Cowboy runner to amass more than a 1,000 yards in a season, signed a multi-year deal with the Hawaiians of the WFL. Has been the club's leading rusher in each of the last two seasons.



LEROY JORDAN, LB, 6-1, 221, 12th yr., age 33, ALABAMA

Twelfth season finds Leroy still at his peak as team's MLB. Jordan is the defensive leader of the Cowboys—an emotional, intelligent and physical player who excels in all phases of his MLB assignments. Plays every down and gets the most out of what he has.

BOB LILLY, DT, 6-5, 260, 14th yr., age 35, TCU

In a season that saw Lilly's usually All-World talents diminish because of a series of disabling injuries, Lilly still managed to draw the double team respect showed to him throughout most of his career. When Lilly missed the playoffs it marked the first time that the Cowboy defense had played without his full-time services since the final game of the 1960 season.



ROBERT NEWHOUSE, RB, 5-10, 202, 3rd yr., age 24, HOUSTON

If Calvin Hill does leave the Cowboys next season, Dallas feels that Newhouse would be his logical replacement. Drafted in the second round in 1972, Newhouse had an excellent season a year ago. While sharing the FB spot with Walt Garrison, the little rock-like runner from Houston accounted for 436 yards.

JOHN NILAND, G, 6-3, 245, 9th yr., age 30, IOWA

John finished the 1973 season by making his sixth consecutive Pro Bowl appearance. Hard-nosed competitor and consistent performer, Niland is strong enough to handle 290 lb. tackles straight ahead as well as quick enough to counter the pass rush of the speedies of defensive linemen.





JETHRO PUGH, DT, 6-6, 260, 10th yr., age 30, ELIZABETH CITY
Big Buzz was the best all around performer on the Cowboy front four last season. In forging his current reputation as one of the strongest and quickest of NFC defensive tackles, Pugh has become a frequent target of double teaming.

MEL RENFRO, CB, 6-0, 190, 11th yr., age 32, OREGON

Ten Years and ten Pro Bowls. That's the way Mel Renfro plays football. Mel has been an all-pro performer at both cornerback and free safety. He has 42 interceptions and 3 TD returns in his decade's worth of NFL competition. Renfro is still regarded as a punishing tackler who gives excellent support on sweeps.



ROGER STAUBACH, QB, 6-3, 197, 6th yr., age 32, NAVY

Staubach came all the way back from his shoulder injury of a year ago and led the NFL in passing. Roger hit on 62.6 percent of his passes (NFL's best performance), and led the Cowboys to the playoffs. His 23 TD performance in the '73 season was a career high and gave him total of 41 six point plays in his six years.

OTTO STOWE, WR, 6-2, 188, 4th year, age 25, IOWA STATE

Stowe was dealt to the Cowboys at the start of training camp by the Dolphins in exchange for Ron Sellers and Miami's second round pick in the 1974 draft. Was enroute to all-pro performance before breaking ankle at midway point of season. In seven games, Otto caught 23 balls for 359 yards and six TDs.



RAYFIELD WRIGHT, T, 6-6, 255, 8th yr., age 29, FT. VALLEY ST.

Consensus all-pro pick, you'll find very few dissenting defensive ends throughout the NFL who will disagree with the opinion that Wright is the best offensive tackle in pro football. Wright is another one of those legendary late round picks of Gil Brandt.

Tom Landry
Head Coach



Only head coach Dallas has had in its 14 years, Landry has a regular season record of 108-80-6. Led Cowboys to their first Super Bowl title in 1972 as Dallas won the Eastern Division with a 11-3 mark. Lost to Baltimore 16-13 in Super Bowl V on a field goal with five seconds remaining. In 1966, Dallas finished 10-3-1 and lost to Green Bay 34-27 for NFL title. In '67, Dallas was 9-5, defeated Cleveland 52-14 in Eastern Conference Championship Game and again lost NFL title to Green Bay 21-17 on touchdown with 13 seconds left. Cowboys posted 12-2 record in '68 and 11-2-1 record in '69, but lost to Cleveland in consecutive Eastern title games. Joined New York Yankees of All American Conference in 1949. Joined New York Giants in 1950 as defensive back. Player through 1953 before assuming player-coach role in 1954-'55. Remained as assistant coach through 1959.

Dallas 1973 Club Leaders

RUSHING	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Hill	272	1142	4.2	21	6
Garrison	105	440	4.2	33	6
Newhouse	84	436	5.2	54	1
Staubach	46	250	5.4	18	3
Strayhorn	11	62	5.6	24	1

PASSING	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	TDs	Int
Staubach	286	179	62.6	2428	23	15
Morton	32	13	40.6	174	3	1

PASS REC.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Hill	30	270	9.0	29	0
Dupree	29	392	13.5	40	5
Garrison	26	273	10.5	53	2
Stowe	23	389	16.9	45	6
Pearson	22	388	17.6	40	2
Hayes	22	360	16.4	47	3
Montgomery	14	164	11.7	32	3
Fugett	9	168	18.7	48	3
Newhouse	9	87	9.7	38	1
Richards	6	91	15.2	53	1

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Jordan	6	78	13.0	31	1
Waters	5	112	22.4	44	0
Renfro	2	65	32.5	35	1
Harris	2	9	4.5	5	0

KICKOFF RET.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Montgomery	6	175	29.2	63	0
Harris	6	148	24.7	33	0

Pearson	7	155	22.1	26	0
Strayhorn	2	44	22.0	22	0
Robinson	4	86	21.5	28	0
Newhouse	3	62	20.7	26	0
Richards	2	37	18.5	20	0

PUNT RET.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Richards	22	146	6.6	46	0
Harris	3	20	6.7	12	0

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	BLK
Bateman	55	2290	41.6	62	2
Montgomery	4	158	39.5	48	0

SCORING	TDR	TDP	TDs	XP	FG	Pts.
Fritsch	0	0	0	43	18	97
Garrison	6	2	8	0	0	48
Hill	6	0	6	0	0	36
Stowe	0	6	6	0	0	36
Dupree	0	5	5	0	0	30
Fugett	0	3	3	0	0	18
Hayes	0	3	3	0	0	18
Montgomery	0	3	3	0	0	18
Staubach	3	0	3	0	0	18
Newhouse	1	1	2	0	0	12
Pearson	0	2	2	0	0	12
Jordan	0	0	1	0	0	6
Lewis	0	0	1	0	0	6
Renfro	0	0	1	0	0	6
Richards	0	1	1	0	0	6
Strayhorn	1	0	1	0	0	6
Clark	0	0	0	1	1	4
Bateman	0	0	0	1	0	1

Dallas All-Time Club Leaders

RUSHING

Don Perkins, with 1,500 carries for 6,217 yards and 42 TDs (1961-'68)

PASSING

Don Meredith, with 1,170 completions in 2,308 attempts for 17,199 yards and 135 TDs (1960-'68)

PASS RECEIVING

Bob Hayes, with 358 catches for 7,177 yards and 70 TDs (1965-'73)

INTERCEPTIONS

Mel Renfro, with 42 (1964-'73)

SCORING

Bob Hayes, with 450 points (1965-'73)

DETROIT LIONS



Charlie Weaver (59) symbolizes tough defense of the Detroit Lions.

Instead of the Year of the Lion in the NFC Central alley fight, it developed into the Year of the Injury. Ten players suffered game-costing injuries. Those who were hurt the most and whose absence hurt Detroit's division hopes the most were Jim Yarbrough, Rudy Redmond and Wayne Rasmussen on the defense and Greg Landry and Altie Taylor from the offensive unit.

The club's most serious problems revolved around linebacking on defense and a consistent inside running game. Ed O'Neill, the fine Penn State linebacker, was drafted No. 1 by the Lions in an effort to shore up the linebacking corps that will go into the 1974 season without the services of Mike Lucci, who

announced his retirement at the close of last year's bitterly disappointing 6-7-1 season.

Steve Owens, who was a 1,000 yard full-back two seasons ago, missed two full games and parts of others in accounting for less than half of his 1971 production. The addition of both Dexter Bussey and Willie Burden should add depth and speed to the Lion running attack and help overcome the loss of the traded and now retired Mel Farr.

The Lions also lacked a consistent deep passing game. With Landry out for half the season because of knee surgery, Bill Munson, who had been on the bench for longer than he cared to remember (1970), came up with a fine relief job.

Detroit Veteran Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Pro		No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Pro	
					Age	Yr.						Age	Yr.
86	Barnes, A.	WR	6-1	170	25	4	83	Mitchell, J.	DE	6-3	245	25	5
20	Barney, L.	CB	6-0	188	28	8	19	Munson, B.	QB	6-2	210	33	11
73	Bell, B.	DT	6-4	250	26	4	50	Naumoff, P.	LB	6-1	215	29	8
17	Cappleman, B.	QB	6-3	210	27	3	45	O'Brien, J.	WR-K	6-0	195	27	5
35	Crosswhite, L.	RB	6-2	215	23	2	80	Orvis, H.	DT	6-5	240	27	3
	Davis, B.	CB	5-11	180	28	7	36	Owens, S.	RB	6-2	215	26	5
60	Dennis, G.	G	6-2	255	26	6	72	Price, E.	DT	6-4	255	23	2
51	Evans, M.	C	6-5	250	28	7	67	Rasley, R.	G	6-3	255	27	5
54	Flanagan, E.	C	6-3	245	30	10	47	Rasmussen, W.	S	6-2	180	32	10
76	Freitas, R.	T	6-6	270	28	7	46	Redmond, R.	CB	6-1	190	27	5
77	Haggerty, M.	T	6-3	245	28	8	88	Sanders, C.	TE	6-4	225	28	7
74	Hand, L.	DE	6-4	250	34	10	82	Sanders, K.	DE	6-5	240	24	3
58	Hennigan, M.	LB	6-2	210	22	2	84	Small, J.	DT	6-4	260	27	5
81	Hilton, J.	TE	6-5	225	32	10	42	Taylor, A.	RB	5-10	200	26	6
30	Hooks, J.	RB	5-11	225	22	2	57	Teal, J.	LB	6-3	225	24	2
26	Jauron, D.	S	6-0	190	23	2	21	Thrower, J.	CB	6-2	195	25	5
89	Jessie, R.	WR	6-0	183	26	4	63	Walton, C.	G	6-3	255	33	8
23	Johnson, L.	CB	6-3	190	23	2	49	Walton, L.	WR	6-0	185	27	6
64	Jolley, G.	T	6-5	250	25	3	59	Weaver, C.	LB	6-2	218	25	4
66	Kowalkowski, B.	G	6-3	240	30	9	18	Weaver, H.	P	6-4	210	25	5
11	Landry, G.	QB	6-4	210	27	7	28	Weger, M.	S	6-2	200	28	8
52	Laslavic, J.	LB	6-2	230	22	2	40	Wyatt, D.	S	6-1	195	27	5
53	Lucci, M.	LB	6-2	230	33	13	75	Yarbrough, J.	T	6-5	265	27	6
12	Mann, E.	K	6-0	200	33	7	34	Zofko, M.	RB	6-1	195	25	4
25	McCullough, E.	WR	5-11	175	28	7							

Detroit Schedule

September 15	.....at Chicago	1:00 p.m.
September 22	.....MINNESOTA	1:00 p.m.
September 29	.....vs. Green Bay (Mil)	1:00 p.m.
October 6	.....a Los Angeles	1:00 p.m.
October 14	.....SAN FRANCISCO (Mon.)	9:00 p.m.
October 20	.....at Minnesota	1:00 p.m.
October 27	.....GREEN BAY	1:00 p.m.
November 3	.....NEW ORLEANS	1:00 p.m.
November 10	.....at Oakland	1:00 p.m.
November 17	.....NEW YORK GIANTS	1:00 p.m.
November 24	.....CHICAGO	1:00 p.m.
November 28	.....DENVER (Thanks.)	12:30 p.m.
December 8	.....at Cincinnati	1:00 p.m.
December 15	.....at Philadelphia	1:00 p.m.

Detroit Key Players



LEM BARNEY, CB, 6-0, 188, 8th yr., age 28, JACKSON STATE
Highest paid defensive back in pro football, and Lions have received 42 interception dividends on their continuing investment in the vast talents of Lem Barney. Has lifetime figure of 2278 return yards as well as 904 yards on his 42 interceptions.

ED FLANAGAN, C, 6-3, 245, 10th yr., age 30, PURDUE

Co-Captain of Lions offense, Flanagan has been accorded many all-pro honors in his ten year career. Noted for his personal duels with Bears' great MLB Dick Butkus, Flanagan is rated as one of best blocking centers in game. Was heavyweight wrestling champion at Purdue, before Lions picked him in 1965 draft.



ROCKY FREITAS, T, 6-6, 270, 7th yr., age 28, OREGON STATE
Starter since 1968, Freitas has become known as one of the best offensive tackles around. Originally a third round selection of Steelers in 1967, Rocky came to Lions in draft choice deal. Played in the '67 College All-Star game. Excellent techniques and good quickness allow Freitas to pass block toughest of defensive ends.

LARRY HAND, DE, 6-4, 250, 10th yr., age 34, APPALACHIAN ST.

Best Lion defensive lineman since heyday of Alex Karras and Roger Brown. Hand is a premier pass rusher and has led club in QB sackings for the past four seasons. Missed all but one game in '68 when victimized by knee trouble, but managed to come back strong and has not missed a game in the last five years.



DICK JAURON, DB, 6-0, 190, 2nd yr., age 23, YALE

While at Yale, Dick shattered all of Calvin Hill's collegiate records in brilliant three year career to become school's all-time leading rusher. Drafted seventh by the Lions a year ago. Pressed into service as strong safety when Wayne Rasmussen suffered a season ending arm injury in the summer.

LEVI JOHNSON, DB, 6-3, 190, 2nd yr., age 23, TEXAS A & I

First defensive back drafted in early rounds by Lions since Lem Barney, Johnson became regular right corner back and led team with five interceptions. Reminds many Lion observers of younger Barney. Was top flight college return specialist as well. Voted to the All-Rookie defensive team.



GREG LANDRY, QB, 6-4, 210, 7th yr., age 27, MASS.

Landry missed last half of season with knee injury. Greg is regarded as one of finest young QBs in NFC, but because often interceptions and general off-year even before injury, Landry could face stiff challenge from Bill Munson for the number one QB spot.

BILL MUNSON, QB, 6-2, 210, 11th yr., age 33, UTAH ST.

With the injured Landry sidelined, Munson finished up the second half of the Lions' season with nine TDs and 1127 yards on a 51.4 completion figure. A one-time regular with the Rams before coming to Lions in the '68 deal for Tom Watkins and Pat Studstill.





HERB ORVIS, DT, 6-5, 240, 3rd yr., age 27, COLORADO

Lions' premier pick in '72 draft, Orvis became a full-time regular and key contributor to Detroit's much improved pass rush when upped its QB sacks from 21 to 33. Voted team's MVP on defense, Orvis can play both end and tackle. Gifted with excellent speed and agility.

STEVE OWENS, RB, 6-2, 215, 5th yr., age 26, OKLAHOMA

Former Sooner All-American and Heisman Trophy winner is the only Lion back to rush for more than 1,000 yards in a single season. Owens, however, has been handicapped by injuries that have sidelined him for six full games and parts of others since sophomore season. Rushed for 401 yards in '73.



CHARLIE SANDERS, TE, 6-4, 225, 7th yr., age 28, MINNESOTA

Completely recovered from early '72 shoulder injury, Charlie came back strong to lead the club in receiving with 433 yards and 2 TDs on 28 catches. Sanders now has six year total of 208 receptions for 19 scores and 3,083 yards. One of best tight ends in pro football.

ALTIE TAYLOR, RB, 5-10, 200, 6th yr., age 26, UTAH STATE

Lion coaches feel Taylor is the complete running back. He gains yardage in large amounts, blocks well and is an excellent receiver, and they'll cite the figures to prove it. Despite missing final two games because of knee problems, Taylor rushed for 719 yards and 5 TDs.



CHARLIE WEAVER, LB, 6-2, 218, 4th yr., age 25, USC

Weaver moved into the regular right linebacker spot as replacement for retired Wayne Walker and led team in tackles with 55. Charlie had fine All-American career at USC and was voted MVP in East-West Shrine game before being selected in the second round of the 1971 draft by Lions.

Don McCafferty
Head Coach



Don McCafferty coached the Lions to a 6-7-1 mark in his first year as Detroit coach in 1973 after taking the Baltimore Colts to the Super Bowl and a 16-13 victory over Dallas in 1971. McCafferty had led the Colts to an 11-2-1 record in 1970 to get them into that Super Bowl, and now hopes to bring that kind of success to Detroit. McCafferty has a distinguished background in football. He was a star as an end for Ohio State where he played with the 1942 National championship team after serving in the Army, he returned for a final season with the Buckeyes after World War II. McCafferty played with the New York Giants in 1946 as an end, then went into the coaching business, first at Kent State as an assistant from 1949-58, and then with the Colts where he served under Weeb Ewbank starting in 1959. Don remained with the Colts when Don Shula became head man from 1963-69, and was then named to replace Shula.

Detroit 1973 Club Leaders

RUSHING	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Taylor	176	719	4.1	34	5
Owens	113	401	3.5	16	3
Farr	97	373	3.8	32	4
Landry	42	267	6.4	18	2

PASSING	Att.	Comp	Pct	Yds.	TDs	Int
Munson	185	95	51.4	1127	9	8
Landry	128	70	54.7	908	3	10
Cappleman ..	11	5	45.5	33	0	1

PASS REC.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Sanders	28	433	15.4	54	2
Taylor	27	252	9.3	35	0
Farr	26	183	7.0	27	0
Owens	24	232	9.7	12	0
Walton	22	309	14.0	49	4
Jessie	20	364	18.2	84	3
McCullouch ..	9	179	19.9	42	1
Hilton	6	70	11.7	31	1
Barnes	3	43	14.3	23	1

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Johnson	5	82	16.4	38	0
Jauron	4	208	52.0	95	1
Barney	4	130	32.5	38	0
Lucci	4	50	12.5	21	0

KICKOFF RET.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Jauron	17	405	23.8	33	0
Taylor	12	295	24.6	60	0
Jessie	6	154	25.7	36	0

PUNT RET.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Barney	27	231	8.6	42	0
Jauron	6	49	8.2	16	0

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	BLK
Weaver	54	2333	43.2	66	2

SCORING	TDR	TD	PTDs	XP	FG	Pts.
Mann	0	0	0	14	13	53
O'Brien	0	0	0	14	8	38
Taylor	5	0	5	0	0	30
Walton	1	4	5	0	0	30
Jessie	1	3	4	0	0	24
Farr	4	0	0	0	0	24
Owens	3	0	0	0	0	18
Landry	2	0	0	0	0	12
McCullouch	0	1	1	0	0	6
Hilton	0	1	1	0	0	6
Jauron	0	0	1	0	0	6
Barnes	0	1	1	0	0	6
Crosswhite	1	0	1	0	0	6

Detroit All-Time Club Leaders

RUSHING

Nick Pietrosante, with 938 carries for 3,933 yards (1959-'65)

PASSING

Bobby Layne, with 1,074 completions in 2,193 attempts for 15,710 yards and 118 TDs (1950-'58)

PASS RECEIVING

Gail Cogdill, with 325 receptions for 5,220 yards (1960-'68)

INTERCEPTIONS

Dick LeBeau, with 62 (1959-'72)
 Yale Lary, with 50 (1952-'53, '56-'64)
 Jack Christiansen with 46 (1951-'58)

SCORING

Doak Walker, with 534 points (1950-'55)
 Errol Mann, with 456 points (1969-'73)
 Wayne Walker, with 345 points (1958-'72)

GREEN BAY PACKERS



Gale Gillingham (68) and John Brockington (42) lead sweep.

It was a very tough year for Dan Devine and his Green Bay Packers in 1973. Following their winning of the 1972 NFC Central title, the Packers felt they were in a position to contend for post-season play again. Such expectations were re-enforced when they were able to draft Barry Smith and trade for Jim Del Gaizo to help strengthen the areas of the offense that Devine felt needed upgrading the most.

Unfortunately, both Smith and

Del Gaizo were disappointments, and with the mid-season loss of All-Pro cornerback Willie Buchanon, the Packers slipped right back into the also-ran category that Devine had inherited from Phil Bengston, and were able to win only three of their final eight games.

But now comes the 1974 campaign, and the Pack is ready to challenge the Vikings once again.

Jerry Tagge is expected to outduel both Scott Hunter and Del Gaizo for the No. 1 QB role. John Brockington is ready to run for another 1,000-yard season and thereby become the first runner to put four such consecutive seasons together since Jim Taylor and Jimmy Brown. Green Bay's fine offensive line is loaded with talent (Gillingham, Snider, Lueck and Bowman) and quality depth.

Defensively, the Packer front four is tough to run against and quite adept at rushing the passer. It's a good solid group led by Bob Brown, Mike McCoy and Alden Roche. Devine's linebacking trio is young and hard hitting. Jim Carter is on the threshold of All Pro recognition in the middle, and Fred Carr is already there on the right side. Tom McLeod, the Pack's third round pick last year, filled in well at Dave Robinson's old left linebacking spot.

Green Bay Veteran Roster

Pro						Pro							
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.
27	Austin, H.	CB	6-4	195	23	2	13	Marcol, C.	K	6-0	190	25	3
57	Bowman, K.	C	6-3	245	30	11	29	Matthews, A.	S	5-11	190	26	5
71	Branstetter, K.	T	6-3	260	25	2	56	MacLeod, T.	LB	6-3	225	23	2
42	Brockington, J.	RB	6-1	230	25	4	24	McBride, R.	RB	6-0	200	25	2
74	Brown, A.	DE	6-5	270	30	8	54	McCarren, L.	C	6-3	240	23	2
78	Brown, B.	DT	6-5	280	34	9	76	McCoy, M.	DT	6-5	285	25	5
28	Buchanan, W.	CB	6-0	190	23	3	81	McGeorge, R.	TE	6-4	230	25	5
53	Carr, F.	LB	6-5	240	28	7	82	Mosier, J.	TE	6-3	220	25	4
50	Carter, J.	LB	6-3	245	26	5	70	Nystrom, L.	T	6-5	258	23	2
12	Del Gaizo, J.	QB	6-1	198	27	3	73	Oats, C.	DT	6-3	260	31	10
86	Donohoe, M.	TE	6-3	230	29	5	75	Pureifory, D.	DE	6-1	250	24	3
48	Ellis, K.	CB	5-10	195	26	5	87	Roche, A.	DE	6-4	255	28	5
68	Gillingham, G.	G	6-3	265	30	9	80	Smith, B.	WR	6-1	190	23	2
46	Glass, L.	WR	6-0	185	24	3	45	Smith, P.	CB	6-1	195	23	2
25	Goodman, L.	RB	5-11	206	24	2	67	Snider, M.	G-T	6-4	250	27	6
21	Hall, C.	CB	6-1	190	26	4	22	Staggers, J.	WR	5-11	180	25	5
77	Hayhoe, B.	T	6-8	260	28	6	85	Staroba, P.	WR	6-3	204	25	3
51	Hefner, L.	LB	6-2	230	25	3	17	Tagge, J.	QB	6-2	215	24	3
39	Hill, J.	S	6-2	195	27	6	37	Thomas, I.	CB-WR	6-2	195	26	3
72	Himes, D.	T	6-4	260	28	7	59	Toner, T.	LB	6-3	235	24	2
16	Hunter, S.	QB	6-2	210	25	4		Wicks, B.	WR	6-3	195	24	2
55	Jenke, N.	LB	6-1	225	27	4	20	Widby, R.	P	6-4	220	29	7
30	Krause, L.	RB	6-0	208	26	5	83	Williams, C.	DE	6-5	255	27	5
44	Kroll, B.	S	6-1	195	24	2	31	Williams, P.	RB	6-2	225	27	6
36	Lane, M.	RB	6-1	220	32	7	58	Withrow, C.	C	6-0	230	29	5
62	Lueck, B.	G	6-4	250	28	7	65	Wortman, K.	G	6-2	250	24	3

Green Bay Schedule

September 15	MINNESOTA	1:00 p.m.
September 22	at Baltimore	2:00 p.m.
September 29	DETROIT (Mil.)	1:00 p.m.
October 6	BUFFALO	1:00 p.m.
October 13	LOS ANGELES (Mil)	3:00 p.m.
October 21	at Chicago (Mon.)	8:00 p.m.
October 27	at Detroit	1:00 p.m.
November 3	WASHINGTON	1:00 p.m.
November 10	CHICAGO (Mil)	1:00 p.m.
November 17	at Minnesota	1:00 p.m.
November 24	SAN DIEGO	1:00 p.m.
December 1	at Philadelphia	1:00 p.m.
December 8	at San Francisco	1:00 p.m.
December 15	at Atlanta	1:00 p.m.

Green Bay Key Players



KEN BOWMAN, C, 6-3, 245, 11th yr., age 30, WISCONSIN

Durable, tough and consistent—words typical of Ken Bowman, the Packers regular center since replacing Ken Iman a decade ago. Was Pack's eighth pick in '64 draft and won regular spot as rookie. Bowman is the team's player representative as well as a practicing attorney in the off-season.

JOHN BROCKINGTON, RB, 6-1, 230, 4th yr., age 25, OHIO ST.

Three years in the NFL and three times over the 1,000 yard mark. The only man to do so in each season he's been in the league—Brockington stands alone as the premier rusher in the NFC. Looms as a logical challenger to Jim Brown's career records with 3,276 yards rushing in three seasons.



BOB BROWN, DT, 6-5, 280, 9th yr., age 34, ARKANSAS AM&N

Oldest Packer defender, Brown is regarded as a fine defensive tackle. Good pass rush and huge size helps him plug up the middle of those rushing lanes. Tough to block one on one. Brown was signed as a free agent following two year stint with Wheeling of the Continental League.

WILLIE BUCHANON, DB, 6-0, 190, 3rd yr., age 23, S. DIEGO ST.

It was no coincidence that the Packers slipped out of contention at the same time they lost Willie Buchanon's services in the sixth week of the year. Buchanon, an all-pro cornerback as a rookie, suffered a broken leg against the Rams and without him, Green Bay was able to win only three of its final eight games.



FRED CARR, LB, 6-5, 240, 7th yr., age 28, TEXAS EL-PASO

Packers obtained the rights to draft Carr number one in 1968 as part of the deal that sent Jim Taylor to the Saints. Unbelievable 4.6 speed for such a big man (6-5, 240), gives Carr excellent pursuit capability. Fred was used as DE in '68-69 seasons before becoming regular linebacker a year later.

JIM CARTER, MLB, 6-3, 245, 5th yr., age 26, MINNESOTA

It wasn't easy for Carter to become Packers' MLB—especially since the man he replaced was Ray Nitschke. However, Carter, a college FB, is regarded as one of the best young MLB's in the game, and has started 41 of the Packers' last 42 regular season games.



JIM DEL GAIZO, QB, 6-1, 198, 3rd yr., age 27, TAMPA

Packers thought enough of left-hander to give up pair of second round draft choices to Dolphins in exchange for Del Gaizo. However, Jim was rated as major disappointment. Completed only 43.5 percent of 62 attempts for 318 yards, 2 TDs and 6 interceptions.

KEN ELLIS, DB, 5-10, 195, 5th yr., age 26, SOUTHERN

Goes into fifth NFL season with 16 career interceptions. Ellis was a fourth round pick in 1970, and played way into regular lineup on the left side when Herb Adderley was traded to the Cowboys. Ken has scored a TD in each of the last three seasons—returning a missed FG attempt 100 yards against the Giants in 1971.





GALE GILLINGHAM, G, 6-3, 265, 9th yr., age 30, MINNESOTA
 Offensive captain of Packers, Gilly came back strong from '72 knee surgery that idled him for twelve games. Was tried at defensive tackle during '72 pre-season, but returned to guard in 1973. Gillingham was again named to numerous all-pro squads. Packers' number one pick in 1966 draft.

SCOTT HUNTER, QB, 6-2, 210, 4th yr., age 25, ALABAMA

Regular packer QB a year ago, Hunter was just part time performer in 1973. Scott's completion percentage has dropped off each year from 46.0 in '71 to 43.7 in '72 and then there was last season's disappointing mark of 41.7. Victimized four times, Scott was least intercepted of three Pack QBs.



MacARTHUR LANE, RB, 6-1, 220, 7th yr., age 32, UTAH STATE
 Strong runner and fantastic blocker who leads the way on Brockington's inside thrusts. Mac came to Green Bay in 1972 trade with Cardinals for Donny Anderson. Lane has rushed for 1349 yards in two year stint with GB and was Pack's leading 1973 receiver as his 27 receptions accounted for 355 yards and 1 TD.

ALDEN ROCHE, DE, 6-4, 255, 5th yr., age 28, SOUTHERN

Came to Packers in exchange for Don Horn and was part of the same deal with the Broncos that allowed GB to select John Brockington. Was top front four reserve at Denver and played behind Rich Jackson. Also played inside at defensive tackle.



JERRY TAGGE, QB, 6-2, 215, 3rd yr., age 24, NEBRASKA

Ended regular season as Packers' number one QB and has best record among the three who played the position. Tagge, a Green Bay native who used to sell concessions at Lambeau Field, completed 56 of 106 attempts (52.8 percent) for 720 yards and two TDs. Was GB's number one pick in '72.

Dan Devine
Head Coach



Named head coach and general manager of the Packers on January 14, 1971. A stern disciplinarian with 24 years of successful coaching experience, he had been head coach and athletic director at the University of Missouri for the previous 13 years where his teams had compiled a 93-37-7 record and played in six major bowl games. He holds to the no-nonsense approach in coaching and has long stressed fundamentals and strict conditioning. Devine believes in "owning the fourth quarter," and won the Division title with that theory. As a collegian, he was captain and quarterback at the University of Minnesota (Duluth branch) where he also played baseball. Had two-plus years in the Army Air Force and in 1948 began his coaching career at East Jordan High School in Michigan where he had undefeated teams for two years.

Green Bay 1973 Club Leaders

RUSHING	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Brockington	265	1144	4.3	53	3
Lane	170	528	3.1	20	1
Goodman	18	88	4.9	19	1
Williams	32	87	2.7	9	1
Tagge	15	62	4.1	41	2

MacLeod	2	8	4.0	8	0
KICKOFF RET.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Thomas	23	527	22.9	34	0
Ellis	12	319	26.6	84	0
Krause	11	244	22.2	30	0

PASSING	Att.	Comp.	Pct	Yds.	TDs	Int
Tagge	106	56	52.8	720	2	7
Hunter	84	35	41.7	442	2	4
Del Gazio	62	27	43.5	318	2	6

PUNT RET.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Staggers	19	90	4.7	26	0
Ellis	11	47	4.3	23	0

PASS REC.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Lane	27	255	9.4	30	1
Staggers	25	412	16.5	50	3
McGeorge	16	260	16.3	44	1
Brockington	16	128	8.0	37	0
Smith	15	233	15.5	24	2
Glass	11	119	10.8	23	0
Williams	5	44	8.8	14	0
Goodman	2	19	9.5	12	0

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	BLK
Widby	56	2414	43.1	60	0

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Ellis	3	53	17.7	47	1
Hill	3	53	17.7	20	0
Carter	3	44	14.7	42	1
Mathews	2	58	29.0	58	1

SCORING	TD	RTD	P	TDs	XP	FG	Pts.
Marcol	0	0	0	19	21	82	
Staggers	1	3	4	0	0	24	
Brockington	3	0	3	0	0	18	
Lane	1	1	2	0	0	12	
Smith	0	2	2	0	0	12	
Tagge	2	0	1	0	0	12	
Carter	0	0	1	0	0	6	
Ellis	0	0	1	0	0	6	
Goodman	1	0	1	0	0	6	
Hunter	1	0	1	0	0	6	
Matthews	0	0	1	0	0	6	
McGeorge	0	1	1	0	0	6	
Williams	1	0	1	0	0	6	

Green Bay All-Time Club Leaders

RUSHING

Jim Taylor, with 1,811 carries for 8,208 yards	(1958-'66)
Tony Canadeo, with 1,025 carries for 4,197 yards	(1941-'44, '46-'52)
Clarke Hinkle with 1,180 carries for 3,877 yards	(1932-'41)
John Brockington, with 755 carries for 3,276 yards	(1971-'73)

PASSING

Bart Starr, with 1,808 completions in 3,149 attempts for 24,718 yards and 152 TDs	(1956-'71)
Tobin Rote, with 826 completions in 1,854 attempts for 11,535 yards and 89 TDs	(1950-'56)

PASS RECEIVING

Don Hutson, with 489 receptions for 8,010 yards and 101 TDs	(1935-'45)
Boyd Dowler, with 448 receptions for 6,918 yards and 40 TDs	(1959-'69)
Max McGee, with 345 receptions for 6,443 yards and 51 TDs	(1954, '57-'67)

INTERCEPTIONS

Bob Dillon, with 52	(1952-'59)
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SCORING

Don Hutson, with 823 points	(1935-'45)
Paul Hornung, with 760 points	(1957-'62, '64-'66)
Jim Taylor, with 546 points	(1958-'66)

LOS ANGELES RAMS

During the regular NFL championship, coach Chuck Knox's Rams not only won the most games in their history (12-2), but they proved their excellence by leading the NFL in scoring (388 points), in offense (350.4 yards per game) and in defense (210.8 yards allowed).

Consequently, the Rams made the playoffs for the first time since the Allen Era. Knox received unanimous recognition as the NFC Coach of the Year.

Knox united the squad and, under the offensive leadership of John Hadl and the defensive performances of Merlin Olsen, Jim Youngblood, Fred Dryer, Isiah Robertson and several others, the Rams ran away with the NFC Western Division title.

Hadl was the fourth-ranked passer in the NFL and Harold Jackson's 13 TD catches were the most recorded by any receiver in the league. In addition, the Rams also obtained a pair of No. 1 draft choices and Tony Baker in the deal with the Eagles. GM Don Klosterman and Knox have already converted one of those choices into their first round pick of Heisman Trophy winner John Cappelletti.

The rest of the Rams' formidable strengths include a powerful, veteran offensive line, a top-grade rushing attack headed by Larry McCutcheon, who became only the second Ram runner to rush for more



Larry McCutcheon was one of three NFC backs to surpass 1,000 yards.

than a 1,000 yards, as well as some outstanding production from Jim Bertelsen.

Defensively, the team has an excellent pass rush, and one of the best front fours in the game. Fred Dryer, Jack Youngblood and Larry Brooks combined the skill of youth with the edge of Merlin Olsen's perennial All-Pro experience to make the Rams the best defensive team in the league.

Los Angeles Veteran Roster

Pro						Pro					
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age Yr	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age Yr.
60	Allison, H.	G-T	6-3	255	27 3	65	Mack, T.	G	6-3	250	30 9
35	Baker, T.	RB	5-11	225	29 7	30	McCutcheon, L	RB	6-1	205	24 2
45	Bertelsen, J.	RB	5-11	205	24 3	41	McMillan, E.	CB	6-0	190	22 2
90	Brooks, L.	DT	6-3	255	24 3	67	Nelson, B.	DT	6-7	270	26 4
32	Bryant, C.	S	6-1	210	23 2	74	Olsen, M.	DT	6-5	270	33 13
10	Chapple, D.	P	6-1	180	27 4	72	Olsen, P.	DT	6-5	265	26 4
44	Clark, A.	CB-S	6-0	185	26 4	20	Preece, S.	S	6-1	195	27 6
73	Cowan, C.	T	6-4	265	36 14	27	Ray, D.	K-WR	6-0	195	29 6
88	Curran, P.	TE	6-3	238	28 6	64	Reynolds, J.	LB	6-1	232	26 5
37	Drake, B.	S-WR	6-1	195	24 2	58	Robertson, I.	LB	6-3	225	25 4
89	Dryer, F.	DE	6-6	240	28 6	61	Saul, R.	C-G	6-3	235	26 5
42	Elmendorf, D.	S	6-1	195	25 4	79	Schuh, H.	T	6-3	260	31 10
46	Garror, L.	CB	6-0	174	26 3	71	Scibelli, J.	G	6-0	255	35 14
36	Geddes, K.	LB	6-3	235	26 4	33	Scribner, R.	RB	6-0	200	23 2
21	Hadl, J.	QB	6-1	214	34 13	*38	Smith, L.	RB	6-3	220	26 6
12	Harris, J.	QB	6-4	210	27 5	84	Snow, J.	WR	6-2	190	31 10
50	Iman, K.	C	6-1	240	35 14	66	Stein, B.	LB	6-3	235	26 6
29	Jackson, H.	WR	5-10	175	28 7	47	Stukes, C.	CB-S	6-3	212	30 8
34	Josephson, L.	RB	6-1	207	32 10	75	Williams, J.	T	6-3	256	28 7
52	Kay, R.	LB	6-4	235	24 2	85	Youngblood, J.	DE	6-4	250	24 4
80	Klein, B.	TE	6-5	235	27 6	53	Youngblood Jim	LB	6-3	239	24 2

*Traded to Washington

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September 22	NEW ORLEANS	1:00 p.m.
September 29	at New England	1:00 p.m.
October 6	DETROIT	1:00 p.m.
October 13	vs. Green Bay (Mil)	3:00 p.m.
October 20	SAN FRANCISCO	1:00 p.m.
October 27	at New York Jets	1:00 p.m.
November 4	at San Fran. (Mon.)	6:00 p.m.
November 10	ATLANTA	1:00 p.m.
November 17	at New Orleans	1:00 p.m.
November 24	MINNESOTA	1:00 p.m.
December 1	ATLANTA	4:00 p.m.
December 15	WASHINGTON (Mon.)	6:00 p.m.
December 15	BUFFALO	1:00 p.m.

Los Angeles Key Players



JIM BERTELSEN, RB, 5-11, 205, 3rd yr., age 24, TEXAS

The selection of Bertelsen by the Rams in the second round of the 1972 draft was considered by many to be a mistake because of his smallish size. However, Jim proved the wisdom of the Rams choice by producing 1232 yards of total offense as a rookie. Then, in 1973, Bertelsen continued to surprise the skeptical scouts by finishing with 1380 more yards of total offense.

CHARLIE COWAN, T, 6-4, 265, 14th yr., age 36, N. MEX. H'LANDS

Still one of the best blocking offensive tackles in the league. Cowan was glad to get back to playing one side of the line on a regular basis as Knox junked Prothro's controversial scheme of flip-flop blocking by the offensive line. Has now played in 199 games as a Ram, thereby eclipsing the old team record of 169.



FRED DRYER, DE, 6-6, 240, 6th yr., age 28, SAN DIEGO ST.

One of the quickest defensive ends in all of pro football, Dryer proved just how quick he really is when he became the first player in the history of the NFL to score more than one safety in a game. Dryer's feat came against the Packers when he nailed both Scott Hunter and Jim Del Gazio in the Green Bay end zone.

DAVE ELMENDORF, DB, 6-1, 195, 4th yr., age 25, TEXAS A&M

A top notch punt returner as well as the Rams starting free safety, Elmendorf has also played the strong side. He has been outstanding at both positions since being chosen in third round of 1971 draft as part of the flurry of trades which enabled George Allen to import those Ram-Skins that forged Over-the-Hill Gang.



JOHN HADL, QB, 6-1, 214, 13th yr., age 34, KANSAS

San Diego's folly turned out to be the Rams delight. After his eleven year career as the most productive Charger passer ever, Hadl was shipped North for Bob Thomas and Coy Bacon. Hadl was the top passer in the NFC last season in terms of point production as he threw for 22 TDs.

HAROLD JACKSON, WR, 5-10, 175, 7th yr., age 28, JACKSON ST.

If you think that Jackson was spectacular in his first season with the Rams when he latched onto 40 of Hadl's passes for 874 yards and 13 TDs for an average of 21.9 yards per catch, just think about how effective the LA Connection will be this season now that the rules prohibit the cutting down of wide receivers.



TOM MACK, G, 6-3, 250, 9th yr., age 30, MICHIGAN

Mack threw a scare into the Rams front office and coaching staff by playing out his option last season, and thereby becoming a free agent and able to negotiate with the dangerous WFL. Mack, an All-Pro offensive guard, is the youngest Ram regular offensive lineman.

L. McCUTCHEON, RG, 6-1, 205, 2nd yr., age 24, COL. ST.

One of Tommy Prothro's biggest mistakes turned out to be Chuck Knox's top accomplishment. Such was the decision of Knox to employ McCutcheon as his regular fullback. The former All-American responded brilliantly in his second season as a pro by producing 1,097 yards rushing and 30 catches.



**MERLIN OLSEN, DT, 6-5, 270, 13th yr., age 33, UTAH STATE**

Olsen is the lone remaining member of Harland Svare's original "Fearsome Foursome," but it was his experience and on-the-field leadership that glued together this year's edition of the Ram front four. Merlin Olsen, along with Bob Lilly, is probably the finest defensive tackle in the history of the game.

ISIAH ROBERTSON, LB, 6-3, 225, 4th yr., age 25, SOUTHERN

After a sensational rookie season that saw Robertson voted to the NFC Pro Bowl squad three seasons ago when he was the Conference's defensive rookie of the year, the hard-hitting former star from Southern had a very difficult second year. Last year Robertson played exceptionally well.

**JOE SCIBELLI, G, 6-0, 255, 14th yr., age 35, NOTRE DAME**

Ski, with his mates Cowan, Iman and Mack, has been the one constant in the way the Rams run the football. In the past three seasons the Rams have produced some of the most effective running attacks in the club's history.

CHARLIE STUKES, DB, 6-3, 212, 8th yr., age 30, MARYLAND ST.

Joe Thomas' and Jim Finks' mistake, turned out to be Klosterman's and Knox's best waiver transaction. Stukes was dealt to the Vikings by Thomas as part of the general housecleaning movement in Baltimore. Charlie led the '73 Rams in interceptions with 5 for 105 yards worth of returns.

**JACK YOUNGBLOOD, DE, 6-4, 250, 4th yr., age 24, FLORIDA**

Chuck Knox again provided the impetus for Youngblood's rise to stardom by letting him play regularly. Youngblood combined with Dryer to give the Rams the most devastating and quickest pass rush this side of Atlanta's Humphrey-Zook combination. Jack was voted to the NFC Pro Bowl squad following '73 season.

Chuck Knox *Head Coach*

Dynamic is probably the word that best describes Chuck Knox, head football coach of the Rams. He thrives on hard work and enthusiasm, two traits he has exhibited during 20 years of coaching football—11 professional, five college and four in high school ranks. An intense, no-nonsense Scotch-Irishman, Charles Robert (Chuck)

Knox was hired in January 1973 to coach the Rams by owner Carroll Rosenbloom, a man with a Midas touch when it comes to picking winning coaches. (Three of the last five winning Super Bowl coaches were by Rosenbloom.) What Rosenbloom saw in Knox was the intelligence, the dedication and the experience to build the Rams back into a winner after having undergone their first losing season in the last seven years.



Los Angeles 1973 Club Leaders

RUSHING	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
McCutcheon	210	1097	5.2	37	2
Bertelsen	206	854	4.1	49	4
Baker	85	344	4.0	17	7
Smith	79	291	3.7	16	2
Josephson	36	174	4.8	14	2
Scribner	20	109	5.5	17	0

PASSING	Att.	Comp.	Pct	Yds.	TDs	Int
Hadi	258	135	52.3	2008	22	11
Harris	11	7	63.6	68	0	0

PASS REC.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Jackson	40	874	21.9	69	13
McCutcheon	30	289	9.6	31	3
Klein	21	277	13.2	23	2
Bertelsen	19	267	14.1	44	1
Snow	16	252	15.8	38	2
Smith	10	65	6.5	11	0
Curran	5	56	11.2	27	1

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Stukes	5	104	20.8	42	0
McMillan	4	20	5.0	15	0
Robertson	3	57	19.0	49	1
Reynolds	2	52	26.0	49	0
Preece	2	25	12.5	25	0

KICKOFF RET.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Bryant	13	369	28.4	93	1
Scribner	11	314	28.6	57	0
Clark	2	80	40.0	58	0
Gordon	3	68	22.7	25	0

PUNT RET.	N.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Bertelsen	26	259	10.0	34	0
Elmendorf	22	187	8.5	30	0
Scribner	3	32	10.7	17	0

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	BLK
Chapple	51	2079	40.8	65	1

SCORING	TDR	TDP	TDs	FG	PAT	Pts.
Ray	0	0	0	30	40	130
Jackson	0	13	13	0	0	78
Baker	7	0	7	0	0	42
Bertelsen	4	1	5	0	0	30
McCutcheon	2	3	5	0	0	30
Snow	0	2	2	0	0	12
Smith	2	0	2	0	0	12
Josephson	2	0	2	0	0	12
Klein	0	2	2	0	0	12
Curran	0	1	1	0	0	6
Preece	1	0	1	0	0	6
Bryant	0	0	1	0	0	6
Robertson	0	0	1	0	0	6
Dryer	0	0	0	0	0	4

Los Angeles All-Time Club Leaders

RUSHING

Dick Bass, with 1,209 carries for 5,417 yards	(1960-'69)
Dan Towler, with 672 carries for 3,493 yards	(1955-'55)

PASSING

Roman Gabriel, with 1,705 completions in 3,313 attempts for 22,223 yards and 142 TDs	(1962-'72)
Norm Van Brocklin, with 1,101 completions in 1,897 attempts for 16,114 yards and 118 TDs	(1949-'57)

PASS RECEIVING

Tom Fears, with 400 receptions for 5,397 yards	(1948-'56)
Elroy Hirsch, with 343 receptions for 6,289 yards	(1949-'57)

INTERCEPTIONS

Ed Meador, with 46	(1959-'71)
Will Sherman, with 28	(1954-'60)

SCORING

Bob Waterfield, with 573 points	(1945-'52)
Bruce Gossett, with 571 points	(1965-'69)

MINNESOTA VIKINGS



DE Jim Marshall (70) is one of the Vikings' feared "Purple People-eaters."

How is it possible for a veteran, contending club that was picked to win everything in sight two years ago to finish 7-7 and then, in the face of ensuing criticism as to age and ability, to turn around and win all but two games enroute to a much awaited re-appearance in the Super Bowl the following year?

Bud Grant has some of the answers. "The difference in our record," explains Grant, "doesn't show statistically, but in the won-loss record. Actually,

we scored fewer points in 1973 than we did in 1972. And that, more than anything, points up that it is not so much what happens, but when it happens. When do you score points? When do you make your field goals . . . or miss them? When do you have a dropped pass or make a big play? When do you get a penalty?"

Obviously, the most important addition to the Vikings from the standpoint of personnel was the selection of Chuck Foreman in the first round of the draft. Highly regarded by pro scouts, but discounted by the media who had watched him play out of position in his final season with Miami, Foreman exploded on the NFL scene and gave the Vikings their most explosive running threat since the halcyon days of both Dave Osborn and Tommy Mason.

In addition to the fine display of Foreman's gifted ability, the Viking offense revolved around Fran Tarkenton's uncanny ability to hit John Gilliam with the big play whenever they needed it the most.

Defensively, the team improved its overall play considerably, and although the pass rush of the famous Purple Gang was not nearly as destructive as it had been in seasons past, the Viking defense allowed just 168 points, the second best mark in the league.

Minnesota Veteran Roster

					Pro						Pro
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age Yr	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age Yr.
67	Alderman, G.	T	6-2	247	35 15	55	Martin, A.	LB	6-3	228	25 3
17	Berry, B.	QB	5-11	185	32 10	33	McClanahan, B	RB	5-10	202	22 2
30	Brown, B.	RB	5-11	222	36 14	41	Osborn, D.	RB	6-0	208	31 10
24	Brown, T.	S	6-2	205	27 5	88	Page, A.	DT	6-4	245	29 8
20	Bryant, B.	CB	6-1	170	30 7	52	Porter, R.	LB	6-3	232	29 8
14	Cox, F.	K	5-10	200	35 12	34	Randolph, A.	S	6-2	205	30 8
86	Dawson, R.	WR	6-1	182	25 3	32	Reed, O.	RB	6-0	222	30 7
11	Eischeid, M.	P	6-0	190	33 8	50	Siemon, J.	LB	6-2	230	24 3
81	Eller, C.	DE	6-6	247	32 11	64	Sunde, M.	G	6-2	250	32 11
44	Foreman, C.	RB	6-2	216	23 2	69	Sutherland, D.	DT	6-3	250	26 5
66	Gallagher, F.	G	6-2	245	31 8	10	Tarkenton, F.	QB	6-0	190	34 14
42	Gilliam, J.	WR	6-1	195	29 8	53	Tingelhoff, M.	C	6-2	237	34 13
68	Goodrum, C.	T-G	6-3	256	24 2	83	Voigt, S.	TE	6-1	225	26 5
58	Hilgenberg, W.	LB	6-3	229	32 11	72	Ward, J.	G	6-4	260	26 5
89	Kingsriter, D.	TE	6-2	222	24 2	40	West, C.	CB	6-1	197	28 7
22	Krause, P.	S	6-3	200	32 11	62	White, E.	G	6-2	262	27 6
77	Larsen, G.	DT	6-5	255	34 11	60	Winston, R.	LB	5-11	222	34 13
82	Lash, J.	WR	6-2	199	22 2	23	Wright, J.	S	5-11	190	25 4
65	Lawson, S.	G	6-3	265	25 4	43	Wright, N.	CB	5-11	180	26 6
75	Lurtsema, B	DT-DE	6-6	250	32 8	73	Yary, R.	T	6-5	255	28 7
49	Marinaro, E.	RB	6-2	212	24 3	51	Zaunbrecher, G.	C	6-2	240	27 4
70	Marshall, J.	DE	6-4	240	36 15						

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October 20 DETROIT 1:00 p.m.
October 27 NEW ENGLAND 1:00 p.m.
November 3 at Chicago 1:00 p.m.
November 11 at St. Louis (Mon.) 8:00 p.m.
November 17 GREEN BAY 1:00 p.m.
November 24 at Los Angeles 1:00 p.m.
December 1 NEW ORLEANS 1:00 p.m.
December 7 ATLANTA (Sat.) 12:00 pm
December 14 at Kansas City (Sat.) 2:45 p.m.

Minnesota Key Players



BOBBY BRYANT, CB, 6-1, 170, 7th yr., age 30, S. CAROLINA
Aggressive, intelligent defender, Bryant rates as one of the NFC's leading corners. Intercepted seven passes to lead the Conference and amassed return yardage of 105, intercepted seven passes to lead the Conference and amassed return yardage of 105, including a 46-yard TD return. Good force man versus the run.

CARL ELLER, DE, 6-6, 247, 11th yr., age 32, MINNESOTA
Considered to be among NFC's premier defensive ends, Eller has started in last five Pro-Bowl games. Carl has been doubly blessed with speed and hefty size enabling him to dominate even the best offensive tackles in the game. Excellent pursuit, especially on plays away from him.



CHUCK FOREMAN, RB, 6-2, 216, 2nd yr., age 25, MIAMI
Foreman's ability to run with power and speed gave the Vikings their first outside threat since days of Tommy Mason. Chuck was voted the NFC's top offensive rookie on the strength of his first year performance that netted him 801 yards in 182 rushing attempts for a 4.4 average and four TDs.

JOHN GILLIAM, WR, 6-1, 195, 8th yr., age 29, S. CAROLINA
John was dealt to the Vikings in 1972 in one of Jim Finks' finest trades. Gilliam has been outstanding as the Vikings leading receiver in each of his two seasons with the club with 15 TDs over the course of the '72 and '73 seasons. Gilliam has put together two fantastic years with 47 and 42 catches for 1942 total yards.



WALLY HILGENBERG, LB, 6-3, 229, 11th yr., age 32, IOWA
The Vikings are Hilgenberg's third NFL team, and since coming to Minnesota from Pittsburgh with an earlier stop with the Lions, Hilgenberg has played his way into a hard-hitting, solid reputation as one of the most underrated outside linebackers in the league. Hilgenberg enjoyed his finest season last year.

PAUL KRAUSE, DB, 6-3, 200, 11th yr., age 32, IOWA
College teammate of Hilgenberg's, Krause was drafted in the second round of the 1964 lottery by the Redskins. Traded to the Vikings in 1968, Krause has gone on to be one of the finest defensive backs to ever play the game.



JIM MARSHALL, 6-4, 240, 15th yr., age 36, OHIO STATE
This will be Marshall's fifteenth NFL season, and the man is a physical marvel. Marshall is expected to be a regular again, and to show the kind of confidence the Vikes have in his ability to perform well, consider the fact that the team did not draft a defensive end until the eleventh round.

ALAN PAGE, DT, 6-4, 245, 8th yr., age 29, NOTRE DAME
Without a doubt, Page is the quickest defensive tackle in the business. Rebounded extremely well from what was considered for him to be a rather average season in 1972 following some nagging leg ailments. The return to Superform on the part of Page last season was instrumental in the rejuvenation of the defense.





OSCAR REED, RB, 6-0, 222, 7th yr., age 30, COLORADO STATE

Oscar Reed is a fine, quick inside runner who, although handicapped by an assortment of injuries and despite the fact that he missed two full games and parts of others, still managed to rush for 401 yards and three TD's in 1973. This followed his outstanding 1972 season which was his best in the pros.

JEFF SIEMON, MLB, 6-2, 230, 3rd yr., age 24, STANFORD

Finest young middle linebacker in all of pro football. Although Bud Grant has historically been reluctant to play rookies regularly on defense, Siemon's first year performance in place of the injured Lonnie Warwick was fantastic. Was the Vikes top pick in the 1972 selection meeting.



FRAN TARKENTON, QB, 6-0, 190, 14th yr., age 34, GEORGIA

Under the leadership of Tarkenton, the Vikes made it into the Super Bowl last year. Tarkenton, accused often in the past of being less than a clutch player who had trouble winning the big ones, had an outstanding afternoon against the Dolphins in SB VIII.

JEFF WRIGHT, DB, 5-11, 190, 4th yr., age 25, MINNESOTA

According to Grant, Wright, in taking over for the tragically injured Karl Kassulke at the strong safety spot, performed exceptionally well. "The most pleasing part of his game," said Grant, "is his ability to tackle. He plays a tough spot, and he had big shoes to fill."



RON YARY, T, 6-5, 255, 7th yr., age 28, USC

None better. Yary is the finest offensive tackle in the NFC, ranking ahead of the likes of Rayfield Wright and George Kunz. Does exceptional work in all phases of his position. Is extremely effective pass blocker, as well as an overpowering straight ahead blocker on running plays.

**Bud Grant
Head Coach**



Entering his eighth season as head coach of Vikings with a mark of 65 victories, 30 losses and 3 ties. His teams won the NFC Central Division five straight years and won the NFL championship in 1969. Head coach at Winnipeg of the Canadian League for 10 years before joining Vikings in 1967. Grant's Winnipeg teams won five Western-Conference championships and four Grey Cup championships. Played for the Philadelphia Eagles 1951-'52 and ranked as No. 2 receiver in NFL in 1952. Played 1953-'56 with Winnipeg before being named head coach in 1957. Over the past three NFL seasons Grant's Vikings have won 44 games and lost 13. Last year the Vikings were defeated by Miami in the Super Bowl. Attended University of Minnesota and was two-time All-Big Ten end. Won four letters in football, two in basketball (forward) and three in baseball (pitcher-outfielder).

Minnesota 1973 Club Leaders

RUSHING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Foreman	182	801	4.4	50	4
Reed	100	401	4.0	30	3
Marinero	95	302	3.2	27	2
Osborn	48	216	4.5	14	0
Brown	47	206	4.4	21	3
Tarkenton	41	202	4.9	16	1
McClanahan	17	69	4.0	10	0
Gilliam	5	71	14.2	44	1

PASSING	Att.	Comp.	Pct	Yds.	TDs	Int
Tarkenton	274	169	61.7	2113	15	7
Berry	24	10	41.6	121	1	2

PASS REC.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Gilliam	42	907	21.6	54	8
Foreman	37	362	9.8	46	2
Marinero	26	196	7.5	17	2
Voigt	23	318	13.8	43	2
Reed	19	122	6.4	13	0
Dale	14	192	13.7	40	0

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Bryant	7	105	15.0	46	1
Krause	4	28	7.0	24	0

Wright, J.	3	31	10.3	25	0
Wright, N.	3	6	2.0	6	0

KICKOFF RET.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
McClanahan	16	410	25.6	45	0
Gilliam	10	174	14.5	29	0

PUNT RET.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Bryant	25	140	5.6	16	

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	BLK
Eischeid	66	2628	39.8	57	0

SCORING	TDR	TDP	TDs	FG	XP	Pts.
Cox	0	0	0	21	33	96
Gilliam	1	8	9	0	0	54
Foreman	4	2	6	0	0	36
Marinero	2	2	4	0	0	24
Brown, B.	3	1	4	0	0	24
Reed	3	0	3	0	0	18
Voigt	0	2	2	0	0	12
Brown, T.	0	0	1	0	0	6
Bryant	0	0	1	0	0	6
Hilgenberg	0	0	1	0	0	6
Tarkenton	1	0	1	0	0	6

Minnesota All-Time Club Leaders

RUSHING

Bill Brown, with 1,630 carries for 5,797 yards	(1962-'73)
Dave Osborn, with 1,010 carries for 3,712 yards	(1965-'73)
Tommy Mason, with 761 carries for 3,252 yards	(1961-'66)

PASSING

Fran Tarkenton with 1,408 completions in 2,551 attempts for 19,343 yards and 146 TDs	(1961-'66, '72-'73)
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PASS RECEIVING

Bill Brown, with 281 receptions for 2,142 yards and 23 TDs	(1962-'73)
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INTERCEPTIONS

Ed Sharockman, with 40	(1961, '71)
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SCORING

Fred Cox, with 1,074 points	(1963-'73)
Bill Brown, with 450 points	(1962-'73)

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

The Saints, under the fine touch of John North in his first year as a head coach after a long apprenticeship as an assistant, were truly a young team that was completely restructured out of adversity. North recollected recently on the challenges he faced when asked to take over from J. D. Roberts after the first three weeks of the pre-season. "I had an idea about the people I wanted to play for me in this league. The only problem was that we didn't have enough of my type of players, so we had to go out and get some through trades and waiver transactions."

Most of North's imports were for offensive service—with four of eight winding up as starters—Jubilee Dunbar, the team's leading wide receiver was obtained from San Francisco. John Beasley, the surprise addition at TE who had 31 catches, was picked up from the Vikings on waivers. Joe Profit, the team's starting fullback was obtained from the Falcons in time to play the last eight games of the season, and finally, HB Jess Phillips was acquired from the Bengals and wound up as the club's leading rusher with 663 yards. All of them made vital contributions as the Saints jumped their 2-11-1 record of 1972 to 5-9, including a four of five stretch at mid-season.

North's greatest asset as he enters his second year with the



Saints are pinning their ground attack hopes on big Joe Profit (23).

Saints centers on a fine passing attack headed by Archie Manning who will be throwing to Dunbar, Bob Newland and John Beasley plus the team's top offensive draft choice, Michigan's fine TE, Paul Seal. The Saints' running game is also in good shape, and with Butler, Profit and Phillips figuring to be the main components, the Saints have the finest potential rushing attack in the club's history.

New Orleans Veteran Roster

Pro						Pro							
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.
63	Baumgartner	DE	6-7	260	23	2	32	Minor, L.	RB	6-2	211	24	2
85	Beasley	TE	6-3	228	29	7	74	Moore, D.	DT	6-4	260	22	2
36	Brown	TE	6-2	225	31	6	25	Moore, J.	S	6-3	208	25	4
38	Butler	RB	6-0	210	24	3	76	Morrison, D.	T	6-5	260	24	4
59	Colman	LB	6-1	220	28	7	37	Myers, T.	S	5-11	184	23	3
51	Didion	C	6-4	255	26	6	41	Newland, B.	WR	6-2	190	25	4
88	Dorris	DE	6-4	230	23	2	78	Newsome, B.	DE	6-5	260	26	5
86	Dunbar	WR	6-0	196	25	2	10	O'Neal, S.	P	6-3	185	28	6
58	Federspiel	LB	6-1	235	24	3	72	Owens, J.	DE	6-2	250	27	5
71	Fersen	T	6-5	260	24	2	52	Palmer, D.	LB	6-2	232	27	5
44	Fink, M.	CB	5-11	185	23	2	34	Phillips, J.	RB	6-1	210	27	7
24	Fuller, J.	S	6-0	185	28	7	82	Pollard, B.	DT	6-3	250	25	4
83	Garrett, L.	TE	6-3	230	26	4	75	Price, E.	DT	6-3	260	24	2
56	Hall, W.	LB	6-2	225	24	3	23	Profit, J.	RB	6-0	213	25	4
18	Hollas, H.	S	6-1	190	28	4	21	Ramsey, N.	CB	6-1	200	33	12
30	Jackson, E.	CB	5-10	175	24	3	70	Robinson, C.	T	6-4	250	25	3
77	Johnson, C.	T	6-3	255	24	3	12	Scott, B.	QB	6-1	200	25	3
87	Kelly, M.	TE	6-4	215	26	4	66	Smith, R.	G	6-3	255	25	3
53	Kingrea, R.	LB	6-1	230	25	4	22	Stevens, H.	RB	5-5	165	24	2
39	Lawson, O.	RB	6-2	205	24	4	17	Thomas, S.	WR	6-1	170	27	6
11	Lee, B.	CB	6-3	200	26	4		Thompson, D.	C-G	6-4	260	25	4
8	Manning, A.	QB	6-3	215	25	4	61	Williams, D.	G	6-2	250	28	8
19	McClard, B.	K	5-10	202	24	3	80	Winslow, D.	WR	5-11	181	23	2
57	Merlo, J.	LB	6-1	225	22	2							

*Traded to Kansas City

New Orleans Schedule

September 15	SAN FRANCISCO	1:00 p.m.
September 22	at Los Angeles	1:00 p.m.
September 29	ATLANTA	1:00 p.m.
October 6	at Chicago	1:00 p.m.
October 13	at Denver	2:00 p.m.
October 20	at Atlanta	1:00 p.m.
October 27	PHILADELPHIA	1:00 p.m.
November 3	at Detroit	1:00 p.m.
November 10	MIAMI	1:00 p.m.
November 17	LOS ANGELES	1:00 p.m.
November 25	PITTSBURGH (Mon.)	8:00 p.m.
December 1	at Minnesota	1:00 p.m.
December 8	ST. LOUIS	1:00 p.m.
December 15	at San Francisco	1:00 p.m.

New Orleans Key Players



JOHN BEASLEY, TE, 6-3, 228, 7th yr., age 29, CALIF.

Spent six seasons with Vikings and caught 114 passes and scored eleven times. Picked up by Saints on waivers at mid-season mark and went on to lead club in receiving with 31 catches for 280 yards. Set Saints single game record with 12 receptions against Chargers.

BILL BUTLER, RB, 6-0, 210, 3rd yr., age 24, KANSAS ST.

Second year pro from Kansas State, Butler is regarded as an excellent blocker as well as a fine inside runner. Was team's starting fullback until arrival of Joe Profit. Produced 348 yards on 87 carries for a 4.0 average and one TD. Also caught 19 passes.



JUBILEE DUNBAR, WR, 6-0, 196, 2nd yr., age 25, SOUTHERN U.

Former Forty-Niner who backed up Gene Washington, Dunbar was obtained prior to the start of the regular '73 season. Started all fourteen regular season games for the Saints and had 23 catches good for 447 yards and four TDs. Longest reception was 65 yards. Speed and ability to run with the ball after catching it.

JOE FEDERSPIEL, MLB, 6-1, 235, 3rd yr., age 24, KENTUCKY

Was top Saints' rookie in '72, and was voted to UPI All-NFC rookie squad. Quick reacting and fine lateral movement make him team's finest MLB. Was the first of two fourth round picks in Saints' '72 draft. Received high marks for the way he punishes opposing runners.



ARCHIE MANNING, QB, 6-3, 215, 4th yr., age 25, MISSISSIPPI

Manning continues to rate as one of the best of the strong young QBs that have come to dominate the NFL scene. Archie wasn't nearly as active as he was when he threw the ball 442 times in '72, but the Saint running game was that much more productive. Archie completed 52.4 per cent of his passes for 1,642 yards.

BILL McCLARD, K, 5-10, 202, 3rd yr., age 24, ARKANSAS

Another one of North's reclamation projects, McClard was brought to New Orleans after being cut by the Chargers. Former Arkansas kicker developed into most consistent FG man the Saints have had since letting Tom Dempsey go. McClard's four FG day was big factor in Saints' upset of Redskins.



JIM MERLO, LB, 6-1, 225, 2nd yr., age 22, STANFORD

Following his fine senior season with Stanford, Merlo earned MVP defensive honors with the West team in the Hula Bowl. Merlo started all fourteen games at outside linebacker, and figured in Saints most dramatic play when he stopped O.J. Simpson on a fourth and one situation in Saints upset of Bills.

BOB NEWLAND, WR, 6-2, 190, 4th yr., age 25, OREGON

Was most productive wide receiver with 29 receptions for 449 yards and four scores. This followed his 49 catch debut as a starter in '72. A seventh round pick in 1971, Newland has now caught 96 passes in his three seasons with the Saints.



**BILLY NEWSOME, DE, 6-5, 260, 5th yr., age 26, GRAMBLING**

Newsome was returned to the nearby scene of his great college career in the most talked-about deal the Saints made under J. D. Roberts. Newsome was obtained from the Colts in exchange for the right to pick the second player in the 1973 draft.

JESS PHILLIPS, RB, 6-1, 210, 7th yr., age 27, MICHIGAN ST.

Phillips came to the Saints prior to the start of regular '73 season play in a draft choice deal with the Bengals and wound up as the team's leading rusher with 663 yards in 198 attempts for a 3.3 average. This was Phillips' finest performance since cracking the thousand yard mark early in his Cincinnati career.

**BOB POLLARD, DT, 6-3, 250, 4th yr., age 25, WEBER STATE**

Pollard has been one of the most productive late-round choices the Saints have had since Dan Abramowicz. An eleventh round pick in the 1971 draft, Bob has been a starter for the last three seasons and is one of the team's most consistent defensive linemen.

JOE PROFIT, RB, 6-0, 213, 4th yr., age 25, N.E. LOUISIANA

A former number one pick of the Atlanta Falcons, Joe Profit was another one of North's mid-season acquisitions. A disappointment in Atlanta, Profit played well in the eight games he was with the Saints, and was the club's fourth best rusher with 274 yards on 72 carries.

**HOWARD STEVENS, RB, 5-5, 165, 2nd yr., age 24, LOUISVILLE**

That 5-5 size is not a typographical error. The diminutive Stevens not only made the team last year, he led the Saints in both kick-off returns and punt returns, two areas that figure to be of even more importance this coming season. All together, Stevens produced 983 yards of total offense, and scored two TDs.

John North *Head Coach*

North was named head coach of the Saints in a surprise move on August 27, 1973, succeeding the incumbent J. D. Roberts, and promptly turned the faltering Saints around, posting a creditable 5-9 record and establishing the young New Orleans team as a force to be reckoned with in future years. North entered the pro coaching ranks as an assistant with the Detroit Lions in 1965 and remained there until being named offensive coordinator and receiving coach for the Saints early in 1973. He succeeded Roberts after the fourth game of the 1973 pre-season schedule. John played end for the Baltimore Colts in 1948-49-50 after a stellar career at Vanderbilt (1942, 1946-47). He was an assistant coach at Tennessee Tech (1954-55), at Kentucky (1956-61) and at LSU (1962-64). North was born on June 17, 1921. He and his wife, Blondell, have two children and they make their year-round home in Metairie, La.



New Orleans Club Leaders

RUSHING	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Phillips	198	663	3.3	20	0
Butler	87	348	4.0	19	1
Manning	63	293	4.7	23	2
Profit	72	274	3.8	22	0
Stevens	45	183	4.1	15	2
Lawson	6	23	3.8	11	0
Scott	9	18	2.0	4	0
Davis	3	10	3.3	8	0
Minor	3	10	3.3	8	0
Others	11	20	3.1	13	0

PASSING	Att.	Comp.	Pct	Yds.	TDs	Int
Manning	267	140	52.4	1642	10	12
Scott	54	18	24.9	14	1	3
Davis	17	5	29.4	14	0	2

PASS REC.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Beasley	31	280	9.0	15	1
Newland	29	489	16.9	42	4
Dunbar	23	447	19.4	65	4
Phillips	22	169	7.7	34	0
Butler	19	125	6.6	16	2
Brown	11	132	12.0	26	0
Profit	11	108	9.8	26	0
Winslow	4	45	11.3	14	0
Stevens	4	39	9.8	14	0
Garrett	2	30	15.0	22	0

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Jackson	3	40	13.3	23	0

Myers	3	33	11.0	20	0
Merlo	3	25	8.3	16	0
Lee	3	23	7.7	12	0
Owens	1	3	3.0	3	0
Federspiel	1	1	1.0	1	0
Newsome	1	1	1.0	1	0
J. Moore	1	0	0.0	0	0

KICKOFF RET.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Stevens	26	590	22.7	48	0
Profit	7	144	20.6	26	0
Lawson	7	118	16.9	27	0
Fink	5	81	16.2	24	0
D. Moore	1	14	14.0	14	0
Jackson	1	0	0.0	0	0

PUNT. RET.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Stevens	17	171	10.1	37	0
Winslow	5	43	8.6	17	0
Myers	0	0	0.0	0	0

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long
O'Neal	81	3375	41.7	71

SCORING	TDR	TDP	TDs	PAT	FG	Pts.
McClard	0	0	0	9	24	48
Dunbar	0	4	0	0	0	24
Newland	0	4	0	0	0	24
Feller	0	0	0	7	4	19
Butler	1	2	0	0	0	18
Manning	2	0	0	0	0	12
Stevens	2	0	0	0	0	12
Beasley	0	1	0	0	0	6

New Orleans All-Time Club Leaders

RUSHING

Tony Baker, with 249 carries for 1,102 yards and two TDs (1969-'71)

PASSING

Billy Kilmer, with 592 completions in 1,116 attempts for 7,490 yards and 47 TDs (1967-'70)

Archie Manning, with 456 completions in 892 attempts for 5,587 yards and 34 TDs (1971-'73)

PASS RECEIVING

Dan Abramowicz, with 309 receptions for 4,875 yards (1967-'73)

INTERCEPTIONS

Dave Whitsell, with 19 (1967-'9)

SCORING

Charlie Durkee, with 225 points (1967-'68, '71)

NEW YORK GIANTS



Giants' Norm Snead (16) faces QB battle.

After a mid-summer's dream of contention fostered by a perfect six and zero pre-season, the Giants awoke in the middle of the regular season to find themselves buried in last place, and in dire need of change.

Always in the past Wellington Mara had been reluctant to change. The debacle of the 1973 season, though, finally forced Mara to seek help from outside the organization.

Actually, the first step taken by Mara after he accepted the

resignation of Alex Webster and all but one of his coaching staff seemed open to ridicule because he appointed Andy Robustelli as the man in charge of the entire football operation. Robustelli, a long-time favorite of the fans while playing the caliber of defensive end that earned him membership in the Pro Football Hall of Fame, was not deemed to be a very smart choice because he had been away from the game for a number of years. But, Robustelli's announced choice of Bill Arnsparger as the ninth Head Coach in the Giants' history was a smart move.

Arnsparger, the man who designed the Dolphins' defense and labored side by side with Don Shula since 1964, is the best possible choice for the Giant job. The main reason why Arnsparger figures to succeed is that the man is a defensive genius.

The overall talent is there for Arnsparger to make the same kind of improvement in the Giants. That may be hard to believe, but it must be remembered that throughout the first six weeks of play the Giants' defensive unit was at or near the top of the NFC team stats. Consequently, Arnsparger's biggest challenge may not lie in the improvement of the defense, but rather in the restructuring of the team's offensive designs.

New York Veteran Roster

Pro

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr								
45	Athas, P.	CB	5-11	185	26	4	56	Hughes, P.	LB	6-2	235	26	5	
15	Blanchard, T.	P	6-0	190	25	4	70	Hyland, B.	C	6-5	255	29	8	
21	Brown, O.	CB	6-1	188	27	6	20	Jackson, H.	CB	6-2	195	25	3	
60	Buetow, B.	T	6-5	250	24	2	75	Jacobson, L.	DT	6-6	260	24	3	
79	Campbell, C.	DE	6-4	240	27	5	11	Johnson, R.	QB	6-3	205	30	9	
29	Clements, V.	RB	6-3	215	25	3	30	Johnson, Ron	RB	6-1	205	26	6	
24	Crist, C.	S	6-2	205	23	3	55	Kelley, B.	LB	6-3	222	23	2	
51	Douglas, J.	LB	6-2	228	29	5	43	Lockhart, C.	S	6-2	175	31	10	
65	Ellison, M.	G	6-2	250	25	3	46	Love, W.	WR	5-9	180	23	2	
62	Enderle, D.	G	6-2	250	27	6	47	Lumpkin, R.	CB	6-2	200	23	2	
31	Evans, C.	RB	6-1	220	26	4	64	Mendenhall, J.	DT	6-1	255	25	3	
58	Files, J.	LB	6-4	240	26	5	*49	Orduna, J.	RB	6-0	195	26	3	
44	Flowers, R.	S	6-0	190	27	6	80	Reed, H.	LB	6-3	230	25	4	
83	Gatewood, T.	TE	6-3	215	23	3	34	Rizzo, J.	RB	5-10	195	25	2	
77	Glover, Rich	DT	6-1	240	23	2	18	Small, E.	CB	6-1	190	24	3	
3	Gogolak, P.	K	6-1	190	32	11	16	Snead, N.	QB	6-4	215	35	14	
68	Goich, Dan	DT	6-4	240	29	6	22	Thompson, R.	RB	5-11	200	26	4	
81	Gregory, J.	DE	6-5	250	29	8	71	Tipton, D.	DE	6-6	245	25	4	
27	Grim, B.	WR	6-0	200	29	8	38	Tucker, B.	TE	6-3	230	28	5	
85	Herrmann, D.	WR	6-2	205	27	6	63	Van Horn, D.	G	6-3	245	30	8	
52	Hill, J.	T	6-2	245	24	3	10	Van Pelt, B.	LB	6-5	235	23	2	
67	Hornsby, R.	LB	6-3	232	24	4	41	Williams, W.	CB	6-0	190	31	10	
84	Houston, R.	WR	6-2	195	28	6	69	Young, W.	T	6-0	265	31	9	

*Traded to Baltimore

New York Schedule

September 15	WASHINGTON	1:00 p.m.
September 22	NEW ENGLAND	1:00 p.m.
September 29	at Dallas	1:00 p.m.
October 6	ATLANTA	1:00 p.m.
October 13	at Philadelphia	1:00 p.m.
October 20	at Washington	1:00 p.m.
October 27	DALLAS	1:00 p.m.
November 3	at Kansas City	3:00 p.m.
November 10	NEW YORK JETS	1:00 p.m.
November 17	at Detroit	1:00 p.m.
November 24	ST. LOUIS	1:00 p.m.
December 1	at Chicago	1:00 p.m.
December 8	PHILADELPHIA	1:00 p.m.
December 15	at St. Louis	1:00 p.m.

New York Key Players



PETE ATHAS, DB, 5-11, 185, 4th yr., age 26, TENNESSEE

No way Athas should be a regular cornerback in this league. He's too small, and he doesn't have the kind of speed to cover people like Harold Jackson and Isaac Curtis. However, Athas is not only in the league, he's been a starter for the Giants the past two seasons.

JIM FILES, LB, 6-4, 240, 5th yr., age 26, OKLAHOMA

Files has a shot at two positions—his old MLB spot as well as a potential candidate for Arnsperger's '53' defensive dual role as a combination linebacker and defensive end similar to the position that made Bob Matheson so effective in Miami.



JOHN HICKS, T, G, 6-2, 258, 1st yr., age 22, OHIO STATE

Hicks was the most sought after offensive lineman in last season's collegiate crop, and must be considered as the kind of first year player who can exert tremendous influence on his team's performance. Hicks will be tried at guard and will more than likely give the Giants the best play at that position.

JACK GREGORY, DE, 6-5, 250, 8th yr., age 29, DELTA STATE

This will be Gregory's third year with the Giants, and after a sensational first year in 1972 when he played the controversial rover position and wound up with 21 QB sackings, Gregory had a very disappointing second season. Giants' defensive scheme of things calls for Gregory's return to full-time status at DE.



BOB GRIM, WR, 6-0, 200, 8th yr., age 29, OREGON STATE

Grim, obtained as part of the second Tarkenton trade, at first failed to live up to the Pro-Bowl credentials he established as a Viking. However, he returned to form last year and was the team's third most productive receiver with 37 catches for 593 yards and a pair of TDs.

DON HERRMANN, WR, 6-3, 205, 6th yr., age 27, WAYNESBURG

Five years as a regular have seen Herrmann catch a total of 155 passes from all sorts of Giant QBs. Last season was his most productive, and he finished with 43 catches for 520 yards and two TDs. Lacks great speed, and is not that big—but Herrmann's dedication and the way he runs his patterns make him one of the most consistent receivers in the NFC.



RON JOHNSON, RB, 6-1, 205, 6th yr., age 26, MICHIGAN

Despite missing two full games and half of another, Johnson still managed to come up with 902 yards on 260 attempts for six TDs and a 3.5 average. Johnson has rushed for over 3,000 yards including two seasons as the only 1,000 yard runner in Giant annals.

PAT HUGHES, LB, 6-2, 235, 5th yr., age 26, BOSTON U.

Hughes originally joined the Giants as an offensive center but defensive injuries forced the club to use him at OLB, and he's been there ever since. Pat has been a starter in three of his five NFL seasons. He's used at weakside LB because of his wide-ranging pass coverage talents. Also a fine open-field tackler.





CARL LOCKHART, DB, 6-2, 175, 10th yr., age 31, N. TEXAS STATE
One of Giants' finest defensive backs who ranks with Emlen Tunnell as all-time great, Lockhart had two interceptions last season, and brought his ten year career total to 38, three of which have been returned for TDs. Ball-hawking free safety, Lockhart is regarded as sure tackler.

JOHN MENDENHALL, DT, 6-1, 255, 25, 3rd yr., age 25, G' LING
Mendenhall was the finest defensive player the Giants had last season, and was enroute to a possible Pro-Bowl berth before being sidelined for the final six games with a serious knee injury. If John can come back from the complicated surgery, he could become key to Arnsperger's defensive designs.



HENRY REED, LB, 6-3, 230, 4th yr., age 25, WEBER STATE
This could be crucial year for Henry, in that Arnsperger has indicated that he will be given shot at Matheson's '53' defensive role. Reed, who has played both linebacker and defensive end, has the speed to cover receivers coming out of the the backfield, and is strong enough to be an effective pass rusher.

NORMAN SNEAD, QB, 6-4, 215, 14th yr., age 35, WAKE FOREST
After a spectacular initial season with the Giants when he was the most productive NFL passer of 1972, Snead had a disastrous 1973 season. His interception total soared from 12 to 22. If Norm recovers from off season knee surgery, there's a good chance he could be the regular QB again.



BOB TUCKER, TE, 6-3, 230, 5th yr., age 28, BLOOMSBURG
Tucker, probably the most underrated TE in the NFL, is among the most productive in terms of catching passes. Bob, a free agent pick up in 1970 after being cut by the Eagles, is vitally important to the way the Giants move the football. Last year he had 50 catches for 681 yards and five TDs.

Bill Arnsperger *Head Coach*



Three days after his Miami Dolphins' "No Name" defense had throttled the Minnesota Vikings in the 1974 Super Bowl, William Stephen (Bill) Arnsperger became the ninth head coach in Giants' history. He had served under Don Shula for four seasons at Miami, initially as defensive coordinator and then as assistant head coach. Bill came to the Dolphins in 1970. In Arnsperger's first campaign as chief defensive aide, the Dolphins rose to a 10-4 record and a playoff berth while limiting the opposition to 228 points. Bill was affiliated with Shula for nine years in the NFL, joining Shula's staff at Baltimore in 1964 as chief defensive aide. He served with the Colts through 1968 on four playoff teams, then rejoined Shula in Miami in 1970. Prior to being named at Baltimore, Arnsperger's coaching background included assistant stints at Tulane (1962-63); Kentucky (1954-61); Ohio State (1951-53), and at his alma mater, Miami of Ohio, (1959).

New York 1973 Club Leaders

RUSHING	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Ron Johnson	260	902	3.5	29	6
Clements	57	214	3.8	11	1
Roland	53	142	2.7	10	1
Orduna	36	104	2.9	25	1
Evans	34	77	2.3	15	1
Ra. Johnson	4	24	6.0	11	1
Snead	4	13	3.3	14	0
Thompson	5	5	1.0	4	0
Tucker	1	4	4.0	4	0

PASSING	Att.	Comp.	Pct	Yds.	TDs	Int
Ra. Johnson	177	99	55.9	1279	7	8
Snead	235	131	55.7	1483	7	22

PASS REC.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Tucker	50	681	13.6	33	5
Herrmann	43	520	12.1	46	2
Grim	37	593	16.0	48	2
Ron Johnson	32	377	11.8	45	3
Roland	22	190	8.6	30	1
Clements	15	129	8.6	16	1
Evans	13	100	7.7	20	0
Houston	8	90	11.3	20	0
Orduna	6	44	7.3	17	0
Hyland	1	16	16.0	16	0

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Athas	5	52	10.4	26	0
Williams	4	82	27.3	35	0
Hughes	3	13	4.3	11	0
Crist	2	6	3.0	6	0

Lockhart	2	3	1.5	2	0
Reed	1	36	36.0	36	0
Files	1	22	22.0	22	0
Flowers	1	0	0.0	0	0
Douglas	1	0	0.0	0	0

KICKOFF RET.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Houston	15	375	25.0	51	0
Love	18	396	22.0	39	0
Rizzo	4	86	21.5	29	0
Small	11	207	18.8	37	0
Orduna	6	104	17.3	21	0
Kelley	2	30	15.0	16	0

PUNT RET.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Athas	20	153	7.7	28	0
Crist	1	7	7.0	7	0

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long
Blanchard	56	2347	41.9	62
McCann	12	294	24.5	50

SCORING	TDR	TDs	PAT	FG	Pts.
Gogolak	0	0	0	25	17
Ron Johnson	6	3	0	0	54
Tucker	0	5	0	0	30
Herrmann	0	2	0	0	12
Clements	1	1	0	0	12
Grim	0	2	0	0	12
Roland	1	1	0	0	12
Orduna	1	0	0	0	6
Evans	1	0	0	0	6
Ra. Johnson	1	0	0	0	6

New York All-Time Club Leaders

RUSHING

Alex Webster, with 4,085 yards in 1,213 carries for 39 TDs	(1955-'64)
Frank Gifford, with 3,704 yards in 863 carries for 35 TDs	(1952-'60, '62-'64)
Ron Johnson, with 3,267 yards in 853 carries for 24 TDs	(1970-'73)

PASSING

Charlie Conerly, with 1,418 completions in 2,833 attempts for 172 TDs	(1948-'61)
Fran Tarkenton, with 1,051 completions in 1,898 attempts for 105 TDs	(1967-'71)

PASS RECEIVING

Joe Morrison, with 395 receptions for 4,993 yards and 47 TDs	(1959-'72)
Frank Gifford, with 367 receptions for 5,434 yards and 44 TDs	(1952-'60, '62-'64)

INTERCEPTIONS

Emlen Tunnell, with 74 interceptions	(1948-'59)
Jim Patton, with 52 interceptions	(1955-'66)

SCORING

Pete Gogolak, with 597 points	(1966-'73)
Frank Gifford, with 484 points	(1952-'60, '62-'64)

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

All those typical stories about Philadelphia being the home of nothing but losers is due for a different kind of ending. There's a growing consensus of opinion circulating around this league that any team which draws the high flying Eagles of Mike McCormick and Roman Gabriel on their schedule is in for a rough time.

Suddenly, almost without any warning at all, the Eagles have become a very threatening team. Under the tutelage of the amiable Mike McCormick and the leadership of Roman Gabriel, Philadelphia has fashioned the most explosive passing offense in the entire league.

"Gabe surpassed every expectation that we had when we made the trade with the Rams," commented McCormick while reflecting on the former Ram's vast accomplishments—a league high total of 23 TDs and 270 completions for 3219 yards. Pretty good for a sore-armed QB.

Philadelphia led the league in passing and Gabriel was far from alone in fashioning such statistics. The Eagles had the best five man receiving corps in all of pro football with wide receivers Harold Carmichael and Don Zimmerman, TE Charles Young and running backs Bulaich and Tom Sullivan.

On the ground, the Eagles



Eagles hope to ride passing arm of Roman Gabriel (5) to playoffs.

featured their most productive rushing game in years. Sullivan, in particular, was a distinct surprise in that he rushed for 968 yards and caught 50 passes.

In conclusion, it should be noted that the new rule changes will benefit a passing team like the Eagles, and it is not too wild a thought to consider the Eagles as a legitimate dark-horse playoff contender in the hotly contested NFC Eastern division.

Philadelphia Veteran Roster

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Philadelphia Schedule

September 15	at St. Louis	1:00 p.m.
September 23	DALLAS (Mon.)	9:00 p.m.
September 29	BALTIMORE	1:00 p.m.
October 6	at San Diego	1:00 p.m.
October 13	NEW YORK GIANTS	1:00 p.m.
October 20	at Dallas	1:00 p.m.
October 27	at New Orleans	1:00 p.m.
November 3	at Pittsburgh	1:00 p.m.
November 10	WASHINGTON	1:00 p.m.
November 17	ST. LOUIS	1:00 p.m.
November 24	at Washington	1:00 p.m.
December 1	GREEN BAY	1:00 p.m.
December 8	at New York Giants	1:00 p.m.
December 15	DETROIT	1:00 p.m.

Philadelphia Key Players



BILL BRADLEY, DB, 5-11, 190, 6th yr., age 27, TEXAS

Premier free safety in NFC, Bradley has led the NFL in interceptions two of the past three seasons. Bill has five year career total of 25 thefts. A third round selection in 1970 after outstanding college career at Texas. Bradley's ability to punt the ball high will be added strength of Eagle special teams.

NORM BULAICH, RB, 6-2, 218, 5th yr., age 27, TCU

For the first time in his five year career, Bulaich was able to play in all 14 games in one season. Bulaich, obtained from the Colts in one of Joe Thomas' house cleaning deals, benefitted greatly from Gabriel's conditioning ideas, and was at full strength for the first time as a pro.



HAROLD CARMICHAEL, WR, 6-8, 225, 4th yr., age 24, SOUTH. U.

Cowboys' All-Pro CB Mel Renfro calls Carmichael the best receiver he's seen. Carmichael, a former TE who saw spot duty throughout his first two seasons, developed into the most dangerous and productive pass receiver in the NFL. His 67 catches led the league.

ROMAN GABRIEL, QB, 6-4, 220, 13th yr., age 34, N. CAR. ST.

Worth every bit of the high price Eagles paid to obtain him from the Rams. Gabe was the most prolific passer in the NFL, and topped the passing stats in attempts, completions, yardage and tied for the league lead with 23 TD tosses. McCormick credited Gabe with providing the necessary leadership that transformed the Eagles into a competitive football team.



JOE LAVENDER, CB, 6-4, 190, 2nd yr., age 25, SAN DIEGO ST.

Called Big Bird by his teammates, Lavender not only surprised coaches with his ability to play cornerback, but also exhibited great skill at blocking opposition field goals, punts and extra points. Hence the nickname. Lavender was Eagles' twelfth round pick a year ago.

RANDY LOGAN, DB, 6-1, 195, 2nd yr., age 23, MICHIGAN

Logan's fine performance at strong safety was overshadowed by the offensive contributions of Eagle top choice, but Randy finished with club high of five interceptions, and teamed up with Bill Bradley to give the Eagles potentially the best pair of safeties in the NFC.



GUY MORRISS, C, 6-4, 255, 2nd yr., age 23, TCU

A fine offensive guard in college, Morriss made the transition to center in the pros in fine style, and played well enough to be named to the All-League rookie contingent. Morriss is quick enough to get the MLB, and strong enough to pick up the blitz in passing situations.

JERRY SISEMORE, T, 6-4, 260, 2nd. yr., age 23, TEXAS

Considered to be the premier offensive lineman available in the 1972 draft, Sisemore proved the scouts right in every regard. Was overwhelmingly successful at fulfilling his assignments on running plays, and surprisingly effective as pass blocker. Sisemore is on the threshold of earning All-Pro acclaim.





TOM SULLIVAN, RB, 6-0, 190, 3rd yr., age 24, MIAMI

As a rookie he gained just 13 yards in 13 carries. But, then came the new regime, and the Eagle coaches gave Sully a full shot at playing. Sullivan responded magnificently by gaining 968 yards in 217 rushing attempts and catching 50 passes for another 322 yards. Was also used on kick returns.

WILLIAM WYNN, DE, 6-4, 245, 2nd yr., age 25, TENNESSEE ST.

Playing on the same college line as Ed Jones, Wynn was a seventh round pick in the Eagles '73 lottery, and paid immediate dividends. Moved into starting lineup with departure of Mel Tom, and gave Eagles strong outside pass rush. Injured at the end of the campaign, Wynn is expected to be completely recovered.



CHARLES YOUNG, TE, 6-4, 238, 2nd yr., age 23, USC

The man who USC's John McKay called the best receiver he'd ever seen, was spectacular in his first season in the NFL. Charley parlayed his great size and superior speed with even more impressive strength to terrify opposing defenses in producing 55 catches, 854 yards, a 15.5 average and six TDs.

STEVE ZABEL, LB, 6-4, 234, 5th yr., age 26, OKLAHOMA

Zabel finally found his niche at outside linebacker and was contributing some excellent play to the revamped Eagle defense before getting sidelined with an Achilles tendon injury. If he can come back to form he showed early last season, Eagles' linebacking prospects will be much improved.



DON ZIMMERMAN, WR, 6-3, 195, 2nd yr., age 24, N'EAST LA.

Zim was in the right place at the right time, and was ready to step into regular spot when Ben Hawkins went down with a broken leg. The Eagles' last pick in the 1972 draft, Zimmerman wasn't really supposed to make it. He wound up with 22 catches for 220 yards and three TDs.

Mike McCormack
Head Coach

Mike McCormack brought the optimism of a perpetual winner to his coaching assignment with the Eagles in 1973 after seven years with the Washington Redskins as offensive line coach, but is realistic enough to know that his club must improve in virtually every area to become a contender. That improvement started last year as the Eagles posted a fine 5-8-1 mark. McCormack was a first draft choice of the old New York Yanks after starting at Kansas, but after that franchise moved to Dallas, Mike went into the Army for two years and did not get into his pro career until 1954 when he joined the Cleveland Browns and became an outstanding player, winning six Pro Bowl designations with the powerful Browns. The 44-year-old coach is a native of Chicago, and after his playing days was associated for a brief time with the Kansas City Chiefs before going to the Redskins in 1966 as an assistant coach.



Philadelphia 1973 Club Leaders

RUSHING Att. Yds. Avg. Long TDs

Sullivan	217	968	4.5	37	4
Bulaich	106	436	4.1	20	1
James	36	178	4.9	24	1
Bailey	20	91	4.5	15	0
Carmichael	3	42	14.0	23	0
Bouggess	15	34	2.3	11	1
Young	4	24	6.0	17	1
Gabriel	12	10	0.8	5	1

PASSING Att. Comp. Pct Yds. TDs Int

Gabriel	460	270	58.7	3219	23	12
Reaves	19	5	26.3	17	0	1

RECEIVING No. Yds. Avg. Long TDs

Carmichael	67	1116	16.6	73	9
Young	55	854	15.5	80	6
Sullivan	50	322	6.4	29	1
Bulaich	42	403	9.6	80	3
Zimmerman	22	220	10.0	30	3
James	17	94	5.5	13	0
Bailey	10	80	8.0	19	1
Hawkins	6	114	19.0	37	0
Bouggess	4	18	4.5	6	0
Oliver	1	9	9.0	9	0

INTERCEPTIONS

TIONS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Logan	5	38	7.6	30	0
Bradley	4	21	5.2	18	0
Outlaw	2	48	24.0	45	1
Zabel	2	13	6.5	7	0
Sodaski	1	0	0.0	0	0
Wirgowski	1	0	0.0	0	0

KICKOFF RET. No. Yds. Avg. Long TDs

James	16	413	25.8	36	0
Sullivan	12	280	23.3	32	0
Nelson	11	262	24.0	53	0
Davis	10	236	23.6	28	0
Alexander	9	189	21.0	25	0
Coleman	2	24	12.0	19	0
Bailey	2	18	9.0	18	0

PUNT RET. No. Yds. Avg. Long TDs

Bradley	8	106	13.3	43	0
Alexander	5	10	2.0	5	0
Davis	2	0	0.0	4	0

PUNTING No. Yds. Avg. Long BLK

McNeil	46	1881	40.9	66	0
Bradley	18	735	40.8	61	0

SCORING TDR TD PAT FG Pts.

Dempsey	0	0	0	34	24	106
Carmichael	0	9	9	0	0	54
Young	1	6	0	0	0	42
Sullivan	4	1	0	0	0	30
Bulaich	1	3	0	0	0	24
Zimmerman	0	1	0	0	0	6
Bailey	0	1	0	0	0	6
Bouggess	1	0	0	0	0	6
Gabriel	1	0	0	0	0	6
James	1	0	0	0	0	6
Outlaw	0	1	1	0	0	6
Wynn	0	0	1	0	0	6

Philadelphia All-Time Club Leaders

RUSHING

Steve Van Buren, with 1,320 carries for 5,860 yards	(1944-'61)
Timmy Brown, with 850 carries for 3,703 yards	(1960-'67)

PASSING

Norm Snead with 1,154 completions in 2,236 attempts for 15,672 yards and 111 TDs	(1960-'70)
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PASS RECEIVING

Pete Retzlaff, with 452 receptions for 7,412 yards	(1956-'66)
Bobby Walston, with 311 receptions for 5,363 yards	(1951-'62)

INTERCEPTIONS

Don Burroughs, with 29	(1960-'64)
Joe Scarpati, with 24	(1964-'69, '71)

SCORING

Bobby Walston, with 881 points	(1951-'62)
Sam Baker, with 475 points	(1964-'69)

SAN FRANCISCO 49ers



Two-time punt return champ Bruce Taylor (44) gets away for a long gain.

After winning three successive NFC western titles, the San Francisco Forty-Niners spent most of last season in the tank.

San Francisco went into the 1973 season with championship expectations, only to come out of the 14-week war a battered, tired team in need of change. And, that's exactly what has occurred in this off-season. Through attrition of retirement, the Forty-Niners have lost the valued services of both John Brodie and Charlie Krueger. Brodie can be replaced, but one of the Forty-Niners' most pressing problems is to come up

with a pair of defensive tackles.

On offense, Steve Spurrier is now the No. 1 QB. The team's leading passer last season, he will be throwing to one of the best sets of receivers in the game. Dan Abramowicz, Gene Washington and Ted Kwalick caught 119 passes between them a year ago for 1,777 yards and eight TDs.

Running back is a major problem area, but only because of injuries a year ago that cost the full-time services of Larry Schreiber and the part-time help of Vic Washington, who still managed to lead the club in rushing. Nolan feels he has solved the depth problem in the backfield through the drafting of three excellent prospects. Alabama's Wilbur Jackson was the first of two No. 1 selections, and it is conceivable that he could be in a position to start immediately. Nolan felt confident enough with his other selections, Del Williams of Kansas and Sammy Johnson of North Carolina to trade Ken Willard to the Cardinals.

San Francisco's top-rated offensive line was plagued by injuries last season, and only Woody Peoples was able to play effectively through the length of the schedule. If everyone is healthy—Blue, Peoples, Beisler, Banaszek and Rhode-SF still has one of the strongest front walls in the league.

San Francisco Veteran Roster

						Pro											Pro										
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.
46	Abramowicz, D.	WR	6-1	195	29	8	78	Krueger, R.	DT	6-4	253	26	6	49	McGill, R.	CB	5-11	186	24	3	57	Nunley, F.	LB	6-2	229	28	8
28	Atkins, D.	RB	6-1	194	25	2	82	Kwalick, Ted	TE	6-4	226	27	6	84	Olerich, D.	LB	6-1	220	30	8	69	Peoples, W.	G	6-2	250	31	7
79	Banaszek, C.	T	6-3	256	28	7	49	McGill, R.	CB	5-11	186	24	3	32	Phillips, M.	S	6-2	191	32	9	19	Reed, Joe	QB	6-1	192	26	3
77	Barrett, J.	T-C	6-6	254	23	2	57	Nunley, F.	LB	6-2	229	28	8	35	Schreiber, L.	RB	6-0	209	26	4	38	Simpson, M.	S	5-9	170	27	5
83	Beasley, T.	WR	5-10	182	24	2	84	Olerich, D.	LB	6-1	220	30	8	58	Sniadecki, J.	LB	6-2	228	27	6	11	Spurrier, S.	QB	6-2	200	29	8
65	Beisler, R.	G	6-5	244	29	9	69	Peoples, W.	G	6-2	250	31	7	44	Taylor, B.	CB	6-0	180	26	5	52	Vanderbundt, S.	LB	6-3	224	27	6
72	Belk, B.	DE	6-4	242	28	7	32	Phillips, M.	S	6-2	191	32	9	18	Washington, G.	WR	6-2	185	27	6	22	Washington, V.	RB	5-11	194	27	4
81	Beverly, E.	WR	5-11	168	24	2	19	Reed, Joe	QB	6-1	192	26	3	67	Watson, J.	G-T	6-4	253	25	4	64	Wilcox, D.	LB	6-3	234	31	11
75	Blue, F.	C	6-5	261	29	7	35	Schreiber, L.	RB	6-0	209	26	4	88	Witcher, Dick	TE	6-3	210	29	9	13	Wittum, T.	P-K	6-1	190	24	2
42	Cunningham, D.	RB	6-0	195	29	8	38	Simpson, M.	S	5-9	170	27	5														
30	Gossett, B.	K	6-1	227	32	11	58	Sniadecki, J.	LB	6-2	228	27	6														
43	Hall, W.	S	5-11	175	24	3	11	Spurrier, S.	QB	6-2	200	29	8														
86	Hardman, C.	DE	6-4	242	23	2	44	Taylor, B.	CB	6-0	180	26	5														
59	Harper, W.	LB	6-2	215	24	2	52	Vanderbundt, S.	LB	6-3	224	27	6														
53	Hart, T.	DE	6-4	249	29	7	18	Washington, G.	WR	6-2	185	27	6														
80	Hindman, S.	DT	6-3	233	30	7	22	Washington, V.	RB	5-11	194	27	4														
56	Hoskins, B.	DT	6-3	251	29	5	67	Watson, J.	G-T	6-4	253	25	4														
61	Hunt, C.	LB	6-2	212	23	2	64	Wilcox, D.	LB	6-3	234	31	11														
17	Isenbarger, J.	WR	6-3	196	27	5	88	Witcher, Dick	TE	6-3	210	29	9														
33	Jackson, R.	RB	6-0	220	25	3	13	Wittum, T.	P-K	6-1	190	24	2														
37	Johnson, J.	CB	6-2	188	36	14																					

San Francisco Schedule

September 15	at New Orleans	1:00 p.m.
September 22	at Atlanta	1:00 p.m.
September 29	CINCINNATI	1:00 p.m.
October 6	ST. LOUIS	1:00 p.m.
October 14	at Detroit (Mon.)	9:00 p.m.
October 20	at Los Angeles	1:00 p.m.
October 27	OAKLAND	1:00 p.m.
November 4	LOS ANGELES (Mon.)	6:00 p.m.
November 10	at Dallas	1:00 p.m.
November 17	at Chicago	1:00 p.m.
November 24	ATLANTA	1:00 p.m.
December 1	at Cleveland	1:00 p.m.
December 8	GREEN BAY	1:00 p.m.
December 15	NEW ORLEANS	1:00 p.m.

San Francisco Key Players



DAN ABRAMOWICZ, WR, 6-1, 195, 8th yr., age 29, XAVIER

Obtained from the Saints at the start of the third week of the regular season, Abramowicz, despite being plagued with a series of knee problems, managed to haul in 35 catches for 442 yards and one TD. His fine, steady pattern-running and good moves complement fast, fluid style of Gene Washington.

CAS BANASZEK, T, 6-3, 256, 7th yr., age 28, NORTHWESTERN

After missing only one game in five seasons, Cas was sidelined for almost half the 1973 season. When healthy, Banaszek is among the best at his position. Uses speed, strength and size to best advantage. Originally drafted as a linebacker in 1967, suffered ankle injury that kept him out entire rookie year.



RANDY BEISLER, G, 6-5, 244, 9th yr., age 29, INDIANA

Beisler was originally the property of the Eagles, but they dealt him to SF in 1969 trade for George Mira, one of the best trades Forty-Niners have ever made. Beisler is an all-pro quality guard who excels on leading sweeps; is also a fine pass blocker.

FORREST BLUE, C, 6-5, 261, 7th yr., age 29, AUBURN

Blue is not of the traditional center mold. At 6-5 he is one of the tallest in the game, but despite his great size he still exhibits tremendous quickness in his ability to seal off the MLB on inside and outside running plays. Forrest is also regarded as an excellent pass blocker. Has been All-Pro past several seasons.



CEDRICK HARDMAN, DE, 6-4, 251, 5th yr., age 25, N. TEX. ST.

College teammate of the Steelers' Joe Greene, Hardman is as efficient at rushing the passer as is Greene. Cedrick, nicknamed Nasty, came all the way back from a knee injury of a year ago. Has excellent pursuit to go along with dominating strength and fantastic quickness that make him one of the top pass rushers.

TOMMY HART, DE, 6-4, 249, 7th yr., age 29, MORRIS BROWN

A 10th-round selection in the 1968 draft, Hart is one of the most consistent defensive ends in either conference. Tommy utilizes same qualities of speed and strength employed by Hardman to exert tremendous pressure from the left side of the SF front four.



JIMMY JOHNSON, CB, 6-2, 188, 14th yr., age 36, UCLA

Despite his age (36), Johnson is still regarded as one of the premier corner backs in the game. Up until the last three or four seasons, Jimmy had never received much publicity as QB paid him the highest compliment possible by not throwing the ball into his area.

FRANK NUNLEY, MLB, 6-2, 229, 8th yr., age 28, MICHIGAN

Fudge-hammer was reduced to some very un-hammerlike blows in the past two seasons. However, with Jim Sladecki headed for WFL, Nunley could be in position to play his way back into regular lineup at middle linebacker. When healthy two years ago, Frank was labeled one of top young middlemen in game.





WOODY PEOPLES, G, 6-2, 250, 7th yr., age 31, GRAMBLING

One of the best free agent pick-ups in club history, Peoples signed with the Forty-Niners in 1968 after extended Army duty in Germany. Finally has been accorded Pro Bowl recognition in last two seasons, something coaching staff felt was long overdue. Woody is one of the top guards in the NFC.

STEVE SPURRIER, QB, 6-2, 200, 8th yr., age 29, FLORIDA

After long five-year apprenticeship behind John Brodie, Spurrier exploded on NFL passing scene with outstanding 1972 season. Was expected to challenge Brodie for regular spot last year, but had poor summer and was on bench when regular season began. Despite recurring knee problems, Steve still wound up as the team's leading passer with 83 completions for 882 yards.



BRUCE TAYLOR, CB, 6-0, 180, 5th yr., age 26, BOSTON U.

Excellent football player who is on verge of being recognized as super performer. Taylor led the team in interceptions with six, and was doubly valuable as the NFL's leading punt returner with a 13.8 average on 15 runbacks. Such skill will be even more important this year now that rules have been changed.

GENE WASHINGTON, WR, 6-2, 185, 6th yr., age 27, STANFORD

Smooth, fluid style of Washington makes him one of most dangerous and deceptive wide receivers around. Always near the top of the league stats, Gene finished 1973 season as team's second leading receiver with 37 catches good for a 16.4 average and two TDs. Now has five-year total of 233 catches, 4,219 yards and 33 TDs.



DAVE WILCOX, LB, 6-3, 234, 11th yr., age 31, OREGON

Known and respected throughout the league as one of the toughest competitors at his position, Wilcox is perennial all-pro candidate. Last year was no exception, and coaches feel he is at top of his game. A No. 3 pick in 1964, Dave has deserved big play reputation and is known as headhunter type tackler. Also rated one of better pass defenders at left side linebacker.

Dick Nolan
Head Coach



Seventh season since taking over 49ers in 1968, his first head coach job after six years as defensive assistant to Tom Landry with the Dallas Cowboys. Third draft choice of the New York Giants in 1954. Nolan played defensive halfback for nine years with New York, the Chicago Cardinals and the Cowboys, the latter as a player coach in 1962. He became a full time assistant coach in 1963. Played in NFL championship games with the Giants in 1956, 1959, and 1961 and coached in title games with the Cowboys in 1966 and 1967. Coached the 49ers to 9-5 record and 1972 NFC Western Division title, their second straight before losing NFC Championship Game to Dallas 14-3. Nolan's four year record 43-36-5. Business Administration graduate of University of Maryland, where he began his football career as a quarterback and was switched to offensive halfback.

San Francisco 1973 Club Leaders

RUSHING	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs						
Washington, V.	151	534	3.5	25	8		Wilcox	2	14	7.0	10 0
Willard	83	366	4.4	33	1		Nunley	1	13	13.0	13 0
Thomas, J.	56	259	4.6	16	1		Phillips	1	13	13.0	13 0
Cunningham	44	165	3.8	12	1		KICKOFF RET.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long TDs
Schreiber	42	163	3.9	13	0		Taylor	15	207	13.8	61 0
							McGill	22	186	8.5	54 0
PASSING	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	TDs	Int	PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long
Spurrier	157	83	52.9	882	4	7	Wittum	79	3455	43.7	62
Brodie	194	98	50.5	1126	3	12					
PASS REC.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs		SCORING	TDR	TDP	TDs	PAT FG Pts.
Kwalick	47	729	15.5	48	5		Gossett	0	0	0	26 26 104
Washington, G.	37	606	16.4	58	2		Washington	8	0	8	0 0 48
Abramowicz	37	460	12.4	54	1		Kwalick	0	5	5	0 0 30
Washington, V.	33	238	7.2	20	0		Hall	0	0	2	0 0 12
Willard	22	160	7.3	26	1		Spurrier	2	0	2	0 0 12
Thomas, J.	19	157	8.3	66	0		Washington, G.	2	2	0	0 0 12
INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs		Willard	1	1	2	0 0 12
Taylor	6	30	5.0	22	0		Abramowicz	0	1	1	0 0 6
Johnson, J.	4	46	11.5	30	0		Atkins	1	0	1	0 0 6
							Brodie	1	0	1	0 0 6

San Francisco All-Time Club Leaders

RUSHING		
Joe Perry, with 1,475 carries for 7,344 yards	(1950-'60, '63)	
PASSING		
John Brodie, with 2,468 completions in 4,540 attempts for 31,950 yards and 214 TDs	(1957-'73)	
PASS RECEIVING		
Billy Wilson, with 407 receptions for 5,802 yards	(1951-'60)	
INTERCEPTIONS		
Kermit Alexander, with 36	(1963-'69)	
SCORING		
Gordy Soltau, with 644 points	(1950-'58)	
Tommy Davis, with 606 points	(1959-'68)	

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

Don Coryell came into the NFL with a solid reputation as an offensive-minded coach who liked to put the ball in the air. The St. Louis Cardinals did nothing to discourage such credentials in 1973, as Coryell presided over the rejuvenation of a dormant offense. QB Jim Hart enjoyed his finest season, and Donny Anderson played a dual role as a runner and receiver that allowed him to amass well over 1,000 yards in total offense and 13 TDs.

The rest of the Cardinal offensive cast also enjoyed a good year. Terry Metcalf, the club's No. 2 choice, showed flashes of brilliance, and proved to be a threat to score anytime he touched the ball. Jackie Smith, the all-time leading TE, continued to catch passes in clusters, and Mel Gray, the diminutive speedster from Missouri scored seven TDs, several of them coming on Coryell's favorite play, the long bomb.

Things could even be more productive this season. Coryell's first step towards further offensive improvement came in the draft when the Cardinals selected Colorado's brilliant tight end J. V. Cain, on the first round, and followed up with the selection of Tenn. State's highly-regarded offensive tackle, Greg Kindle. Coryell expects to utilize both Cain and Jackie Smith in a



Ron Yankowski (78) and Dave Butz (62) sack QB Randy Johnson.

two-tight end offense that will also improve the team's running game by affording better blocking.

Coryell also added QB depth in the person of his former college pupil Dennis Shaw, who came to St. Louis in exchange for Ahmad Rashad. Finally, Coryell took a calculated gamble and bartered a couple of high draft choices for Ken Willard, the ex-Forty Niners' workhorse fullback who is the NFC's leading active rusher.

St. Louis Veteran Roster

						Pro											Pro				
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	yr	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.		No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.
44	Anderson, D.	RB-P	6-2	215	31	9	73	McMillan, E.	T	6-5	275	35	14								
57	Arneson, M.	LB	6-2	220	24	3	21	Metcalf, T.	RB	5-10	185	22	2								
25	Bakken, J.	K	6-0	200	33	13	58	Miller, T.	LB	6-2	225	28	5								
54	Banks, T.	G	6-1	245	24	4	27	Moss, E.	RB	6-0	215	25	2								
59	Barnes, P.	LB	6-1	240	29	8	50	Mulligan, W.	C	6-3	260	27	6								
33	Belton, W.	RB	5-11	195	26	4	35	Otis, J.	RB	6-0	220	26	5								
51	Brahaney, T.	C	6-2	225	22	2	37	Owens, M.	WR	5-11	205	24	2								
70	Brooks, L.	DT	6-6	265	26	5	65	Reynolds, B.	T	6-5	265	35	12								
38	Burns, L.	RB	6-1	220	30	3	71	Richardson, J.	DT	6-3	245	29	8								
62	Butz, D.	DE	6-7	280	24	2	53	Rivers, J.	LB	6-2	245	28	7								
26	Crump, D.	CB	5-11	180	24	2	75	Rowe, B.	DT	6-4	270	29	8								
76	Davis, R.	G	6-2	235	23	2	74	Rudolph, C.	DE	6-4	250	24	3								
42	Detwiler, C.	S	6-0	185	27	5	16	Shaw, D.	QB	6-2	230	26	5								
72	Dierdorf, D.	T	6-3	275	25	4	24	Shy, D.	RB	6-1	215	28	8								
66	Dobler, C.	G	6-3	250	23	3	49	Sledge, L.	RB	6-2	235	27	2								
41	Duren, C.	S	6-1	190	23	2	79	Sloan, B.	DT	6-5	260	25	2								
60	Finnie, R.	G	6-3	245	28	6	81	Smith, J.	TE	6-4	235	34	12								
84	Gillette, sW.	WR	6-5	200	27	5	87	Staggs, J.	LB	6-1	240	30	8								
85	Gray, M.	WR	5-9	175	25	4	67	Stallings, L.	LB	6-1	230	32	12								
55	Hamlin, G.	C	6-3	240	28	4	68	Taylor, M.	T	6-4	255	29	6								
30	Hammond	WR-RB	5-11	180	25	2	43	Thompson, N.	S	6-1	180	29	4								
17	Hart, J.	Qb	6-1	215	30	9	45	Tolbert, J.	CB	6-4	200	30	8								
	Hester, R.	LB	6-2	220	25	4	40	Washington, E.	CB	6-2	190	24	3								
	Jones, J.	DE	6-5	240	27	6	22	Wehrli, R.	CB	6-0	190	26	6								
12	Keithley, G.	QB	6-3	205	23	2	78	Yankowski, R.	DE	6-5	240	27	4								
52	LeVeck, J.	LB	6-0	225	24	2	64	Young, B.	G	6-1	270	31	9								
80	McFarland, J.	TE	6-5	225	26	5															

St. Louis Schedule

September 15	.....	PHILADELPHIA	.....	1:00 p.m.
September 22	.....	at Washington	.....	1:00 p.m.
September 29	.....	CLEVELAND	.....	1:00 p.m.
October 6	.....	at San Francisco	.....	1:00 p.m.
October 13	.....	DALLAS	.....	1:00 p.m.
October 20	.....	at Houston	.....	1:00 p.m.
October 27	.....	WASHINGTON	.....	1:00 p.m.
November 3	.....	at Dallas	.....	1:00 p.m.
November 11	.....	MINNESOTA (Mon.)	.....	8:00 p.m.
November 17	.....	at Philadelphia	.....	1:00 p.m.
November 24	.....	at New York Giants	.....	1:00 p.m.
December 1	.....	KANSAS CITY	.....	1:00 p.m.
December 8	.....	at New Orleans	.....	1:00 p.m.
December 15	.....	NEW YORK GIANTS	.....	1:00 p.m.

St. Louis Key Players



DONNY ANDERSON, RB-P, 6-2, 215, 9th yr., age 31, TEX. TECH
A total of 679 yards rushing, a 4.1 average, 41 catches for 409 yards and 13 TDs—an excellent 1973 showing for Donny Anderson in his second year as a Cardinal. Can go outside and inside, catches well and may be used as a punter this year, especially since his left-footed kicks will be difficult to handle.

MARK ARNESON, LB, 6-2, 220, 3rd yr., age 24, ARIZONA

Only in his third season, Arneson has a wealth of experience at the position he plays. Forced into a regular linebacking spot because of injuries, Mark, the Cards No. 2 pick in 1972, has played both the outside and in the middle. Aggressive tackler and fine pass defender.



JIM BAKKEN, K, 6-0, 13th yr., age 33, WISCONSIN

All-time Cardinal place kicking record holder, Bakken has led team in scoring for 11 consecutive seasons, and now ranks fifth in all-time NFL scoring with 1,005 points. His 23 FGs out of 32 attempts set club record for accuracy and he was almost perfect inside the 40-yard line, hitting on 20 of 23 kicks.

DAVE BUTZ, DE, 6-7, 280, 2nd yr., age 24, PURDUE

After missing all but final weeks of pre-season action because of contract problems, Butz came into Cardinal camp and started final summer game, practically destroying Chiefs' passing game. Unfortunately, Dave did not play as well during the regular season, but coaching staff still expects him to be All-Pro.



MEL GRAY, WR, 5-9, 175, 4th yr., age 25 MISSOURI

Speedster from Missouri rebounded from injuries that hampered him in sophomore season, and exhibited long ball threat by scoring seven TDs while catching 29 passes for 513 yards and a 17.7 average per catch, the best on the club.

JIM HART, QB, 6-1, 215, 9th yr., age 30, SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

Assured of the first-string job for the first time within recent memory, Hart responded with finest performance yet. Set club records for percentage of completions with 55.6, while accounting for 2,223 yards and 15 TDs as opposed to just ten interceptions.



TERRY METCALF, RB, 5-10, 185, 2nd yr., age 22, LONG B'CH ST.

Cardinals' No. 2 choice a year ago, Metcalf was the most productive rookie runner since Johnny Roland. Terry rushed for 628 yards and caught 37 passes for an additional 316 yards while scoring two TDs on the ground. Also had four KO returns for incredible total of 124 yards and a 36.3 average.

DENNIS SHAW, QB, 6-2, 230, 5th yr., age 26, SAN DIEGO STATE

Shaw is reunited with Coryell, who coached him in college, but it remains to be seen if the former Aztec sharpshooter can regain the form that allowed him to win the AFC rookie of the Year award in 1970 when he led the conference in passing.





JACKIE SMITH, TE, 6-4, 235, 12th yr., age 34, N'WEST LA.

Goes into his 12th season with several club records in hand, and is the most productive receiver to ever play the position. Smith's 41 catches in 1973 not only led the club, but gave him a total of 434 for 7,188 yards and 34 career TDs.

LARRY STALLINGS, LB, 6-1, 230, 12th yr., age 32, GA. TECH

Senior member of the Cardinal defensive unit, Stallings is by far the best linebacker on the squad. Excellent pass defender who gets amazingly quick drops into zones. He is also a hard-nosed competitor and sure-handed tackler.



JIM TOLBERT, CB, 6-4, 200, 8th yr., age 30, LINCOLN, MO.

Tolbert's given name is unusual—Love. However, he plays a pretty good game of pass defense and tied for the team lead in interceptions with two. Originally the property of the Chargers, Tolbert was claimed on waivers by the Oilers before being traded to the Cards two seasons ago.

ROGER WEHRLI, CB, 6-0, 190, 6th yr., age 26, MISSOURI

Finest athlete in Cardinal secondary, Wehrli has identical sets of all-pro credentials as both a corner back and a free safety. Was handicapped by injuries to the point where he missed three games. The Cards' top draft choice in 1969, Roger has 12 career thefts. Also led club in punt returns with a 10.2 average.



RON YANKOWSKI, DE, 6-5, 240, 4th yr., age 27, KANSAS STATE

Has been starter since 1971 rookie season. Gives good effort, and is strong pass rusher. Yankowski came back well from knee strain problems of a year ago, and played in all 14 games. Important part of Cards front four, and worth building around.

Don Coryell *Head Coach*

Don Coryell, highly-successful head coach at San Diego State, where in 12 years he won 84 per cent of his games, is in his second year as head coach of the St. Louis Football Cardinals. After being named head coach at San Diego State in 1961, Coryell compiled a 12-year record of 104-19-2, including a 10-1 mark in 1972. Prior to 1961, San Diego State had recorded only two winning seasons since 1954 and had won only two games in the two seasons combined before Coryell took over. Before moving to San Diego State, Coryell had been head coach at Whittier College, having succeeded George Allen, now head coach of the Washington Redskins. In three seasons at Whittier, Coryell produced a 23-5-1 record and three conference championships. His 1959 team led the nation's college division teams in total offense and passing.



St. Louis 1973 Club Leaders

RUSHING	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Anderson	167	679	4.1	54	10
Metcalf	148	628	4.2	50	2
Otis	55	234	4.3	19	1
Shy	16	66	4.1	7	0
Moss	14	41	2.9	13	0
Hammond	4	11	2.7	7	0
Keithley	8	29	3.6	18	0

PASSING	Att.	Comp.	Pct	Yds.	TDs	Int
Hart	320	178	55.6	2223	15	10
Keithley	73	32	43.8	369	1	5
Hammond	1	0	0.0	0	0	0

RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Smith	41	600	14.6	42	1
Anderson	41	409	10.0	44	3
Metcalf	37	316	8.5	35	0
Gray	29	513	17.7	80	7
Rashad	30	409	13.6	65	3
Gillette	20	244	12.2	48	1
Hammond	4	39	9.8	23	0
Shy	3	15	5.0	6	1
Otis	2	19	9.5	14	0
McFarland	2	10	5.0	7	0
Maynard	1	18	18.0	18	0

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Tolbert	2	34	17.0	26	0
Duren	2	13	6.5	13	0

Arneson	1	13	13.0	13	0
Rivers	1	11	11.0	11	0
Barnes	1	0	0.0	0	0
Wehrli	1	0	0.0	0	0
Detwiler	1	0	0.0	0	0
Stallings	1	0	0.0	0	0

KICKOFF RET.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Shy	16	445	27.8	97	1
Hammond	12	314	26.2	46	0
Metcalf	4	124	36.3	48	0
Hayden	5	98	19.6	28	0
Belton	3	83	27.7	31	0
Moss	4	78	19.5	21	0

PUNT RET.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Wehrli	9	92	10.2	33	0
Hammond	11	80	7.3	51	0
Thompson	6	18	3.0	6	0

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	BLK
Keithley	66	2478	37.5	55	1

SCORING	TD	RD	PT	TDs	PAT	FG	Pts.
Bakken	0	0	0	31	23	100	
Anderson	10	3	0	0	0	78	
Gray	0	7	0	0	0	42	
Rashad	0	3	0	0	0	18	
Shy	0	1	1	0	0	12	
Metcalf	2	0	0	0	0	12	

St. Louis All-Time Club Leaders

RUSHING

Johnny Roland with 962 carries for 3,608 yards	(1966-'72)
Charley Trippi, with 687 carries for 3,511 yards	(1947-'55)
John David Crow, with 784 carries for 3,489 yards	(1958-'64)

PASSING

Charley Johnson, with 1,030 completions in 2,047 attempts for 14,298 yards and 108 TDs	(1951-'69)
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PASS RECEIVING

Jackie Smith, with 434 catches	(1963-'73)
Bobby Joe Conrad, with 418 catches	(1958-'68)

INTERCEPTIONS

Larry Wilson, with 52	(1960-'72)
Dick Lane, with 30	(1954-'59)
Pat Fischer, with 29	(1961-'67)

SCORING

Jim Bakken with 1,005 points	(1962-'73)
Pat Harder, with 389 points	(1946-'50)
Bobby Joe Conrad, with 389 points	(1958-'68)

WASHINGTON REDSKINS



Billy Kilmer (17) figures to see most QB action for 'Skins this season.

The Washington Redskins lost Super Bowl VII to Miami and missed out on Super Bowl VIII entirely but coach George Allen, undaunted and full of new resolve, is preparing for a trip to Super Bowl IX this year.

One of his first bits of strategy in this direction will be to take the wraps off super runner Duane Thomas, the moody, militant ex-Cowboy who was in

virtual limbo with the 'Skins in 1973. Duane, possessed of the kind of speed, moves, strength and quickness that so very few runners are blessed with, has had a year to absorb Allen's offensive philosophy, and now George is anxious to see him run in tandem with the equally talented Larry Brown. To further strengthen his backfield strength, Allen has Moses Denson, his almost forgotten Canadian import on hand, as well as Larry Smith, the hard running former Ram who is slated to play for the WFL Sharks in 1975.

Another move was the importation of two San Diego Chargers, Walt Sweeney and Bryant Salter, two of the best players the Chargers had, and Allen did it with complete disdain for the probationary status of Sweeney or the contractual problems of Salter.

The rest of Allen's troops are fit and well and ready to win the NFC eastern crown they shared with Dallas in 1973. Offensively, the team will be much improved, especially since Larry Brown will be healthy and Thomas will be available. The receiving is excellent, as is the front line blocking. Defensively the club was exceptional and ranked third in total stats. The Redskin pass rush was the most successful in the league with 53 sacks.

Washington Veteran Roster

Pro					Pro				
No. Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age Yr.	No. Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age Yr.
41 Bass, M.	CB	6-0	190	29 7	5 Knight, C.	K	6-2	190	31 6
86 Biggs, V.	DE	6-4	275	31 10	73 Laaveg, P.	G	6-4	245	25 5
4 Bragg, M.	P	5-11	186	27 7	24 Malinchak, B.	WR	6-1	200	30 9
43 Brown, L.	RB	5-11	195	27 6	79 McDole, R.	DE	6-4	265	34 14
77 Brundige, B.	DT	6-5	270	25 5	53 McLinton, H.	LB	6-2	235	27 6
26 Brunet, B.	RB	6-1	205	28 6	Mooney, E.	LB	6-2	230	29 7
45 Duncan, L.	S	5-10	180	32 11	Moseley, M.	K	6-0	205	26 3
37 Fischer, P.	CB	5-9	170	34 14	28 Mul-Key, H.	RB	6-0	190	24 3
46 Grant, F.	WR	5-11	181	24 2	23 Owens, B.	S	5-11	190	31 9
55 Hanburger, C.	LB	6-2	218	33 10	52 Pergine, J.	LB	6-1	225	28 6
84 Hancock, M.	TE	6-4	220	24 2	88 Reed, A.	TE	6-5	235	30 8
56 Hauss, L.	C	6-2	235	32 11	89 Robinson, D.	LB	6-3	245	33 10
75 Hermeling, T.	T	6-5	255	27 4	76 Rock, W.	T	6-5	255	32 12
85 Holman, W.	DE	6-4	254	29 7	51 Ryczek, Dan	C	6-3	249	25 2
Horton, L.	DE	6-5	255	24 2	Smith, L.	RB	6-3	220	26 6
27 Houston, K.	S	6-3	198	29 8	Salter, B.	S	6-5	196	24 4
25 Hull, M.	RB	6-3	220	28 7	Theisman, J.	QB	6-0	185	25 1
40 Hyatt, F.	WR	6-3	210	28 7	47 Thomas, D.	RB	6-2	215	27 4
Imhoff, M.	DE	6-6	256	24 2	67 Tillman, R.	LB	6-2	230	28 5
48 Jaqua, J.	S	6-0	190	26 4	29 Vactor, T.	CB	6-0	185	30 6
80 Jefferson, R.	WR	6-2	245	30 7	60 Wilbur, J.	G	6-3	251	31 9
9 Jurgensen, S.	QB	6-0	203	40 18	38 Willis, L.	S	5-11	171	25 2
17 Kilmer, B.	QB	6-0	204	34 13					

Washington Schedule

September 15	at New York Giants	1:00 p.m.
September 22	ST. LOUIS	1:00 p.m.
September 30	DENVER (Mon.)	9:00 p.m.
October 6	at Cincinnati	1:00 p.m.
October 13	MIAMI	1:00 p.m.
October 20	NEW YORK GIANTS	1:00 p.m.
October 27	at St. Louis	1:00 p.m.
November 3	at Green Bay	1:00 p.m.
November 10	at Philadelphia	1:00 p.m.
November 17	DALLAS	4:00 p.m.
November 24	PHILADELPHIA	1:00 p.m.
November 28	at Dallas (Thanks.)	2:45 p.m.
December 9	at Los Angeles (Mon.)	6:00 p.m.
December 15	CHICAGO	1:00 p.m.

Washington Key Players



VERLON BIGGS, DE, 6-4, 275, 10th yr., age 31, JACKSON STATE
One of 16 Redskins veterans who have reached Allen's favorite NFL plateau—that of 10-year veteran, Biggs is one of main reason why Redskin front four devastated opposing quarterbacks a team record 53 times. Former Jet is still one of better quality defensive ends.

LARRY BROWN, RB, 5-11, 195, 6th yr., age 27, KANSAS STATE
After missing most of training camp, Brown got off to slow start and failed to match offensive production of year before. Larry finished season with 273 carries and 860 yards, and became only third runner in pro Football history to account for over 5,000 yards rushing in his first five seasons.



BILL BRUNDIGE, DT, 6-5, 270, 5th yr., age 25, COLORADO
Going into 1973 season Brundige shared regular status with Manny Sistrunk. Former Colorado star was most improved Redskin defender and earned full-time berth that allowed him to exert tremendous inside pressure on enemy passers. Brundige is also tough to move out on running plays.

CHRIS HANBURGER, LB, 6-2, 218, 10th yr., age 33, N. CAR.
Perennial Pro Bowler, Hamburger is one of the top outside linebackers in the business. Has always had knack of making big play. Career mark of 11 interceptions includes two returned for TDs. Has also scored on fumble recovery. An 18th round selection in 1964 draft.



LEN HAUSS, C, 6-2, 235, 11th yr., age 32, GEORGIA
Eleven year veteran, Hauss is one of most consistent centers in NFL. Heir to Tingelhoff's accustomed All-Pro role. The Redskins' ninth-round selection in 1963, Hauss has been a starter since mid-way point of rookie season.

KEN HOUSTON, DB, 6-3, 198, 8th yr., age 29, PRAIRIE VIEW
Ken was obtained from the Oilers prior to start of camp—and Allen must have had a premonition when he put the deal together. Naturally, starting strong safety Rosey Taylor got hurt in the summer season, and Houston was right there to step in without causing Redskin secondary to lose efficiency.



ROY JEFFERSON, WR, 6-2, 195, 10th yr., age 30, UTAH
This statistic is most surprising—did you know that Roy Jefferson is the fourth leading active receiver in the NFL? Jeff's 366 career catches have been made in three different uniforms—Steelers, Colts and Redskins. His 1973 totals: 41 catches, 595 yards and a TD.

BILL KILMER, QB, 6-0, 204, 13th yr., age 34, UCLA
Goes into 13th season as Redskins' No. 1 QB, and barring injury should have much better year than 1973, when he was hampered by injuries. Noted more for leadership ability than pure technical skills, Kilmer is Allen's kind of winning ball player. Plans call for Kilmer to start, Jurgensen available to come off the bench.





JERRY SMITH, TE, 6-3, 208, 10th yr., age 31, ARIZONA STATE
 Little known fact about Smith is that he was college teammate of Charley Taylor on same Arizona State squad—and, Smith was State's leading receiver, not Taylor. Jerry, one of the fastest TE's in the game, is also noted for his ability to block defensive ends and linebackers.

WALT SWEENEY, G, 6-4, 254, 12th yr., age 33, Syracuse

One of the all-time great guards, Sweeney was voted to Hall of Fame AFL All-Star team. Regular with the Chargers for 11 years, Walt was exiled to Washington for a pair of low draft choices. Allen couldn't have been happier to come up with another aging All-Pro, despite the fact that Sweeney will be playing on probation for infraction of NFL drug policy.



DIRON TALBERT, DT, 6-5, 255, 8th yr., age 30, TEXAS

Talbert is lone remaining defensive starter from Allen's host of trades with Rams that led press to coin derisive nickname of Ram-Skins. Talbert is a tough, durable tackle who rushes the passer well, and plays the run even better. While with the Rams, Diron had played both tackle and defensive end.

CHARLEY TAYLOR, WR, 6-3, 210, 11th yr, age 32, ARIZ. ST.

Taylor shows no signs of slowing down. As usual, Charley led the club in receiving with 59 catches for 801 yards and seven TDs. Is leading active receiver with 528 catches. Phenomenal 10-year career also lists total offensive yardage of 9,164. Was NFL rookie of the year in 1964 as halfback, and has carried the ball 441 times for 1489 yards and 11 TDs.



DUANE THOMAS, TG, 6-2, 215, 4th yr., age 27, W. TEXAS ST.

Pro Football's mystery man and most celebrated enigma. Allen shocked NFL coaching fraternity by trading couple of top draft choices to Chargers for Thomas and many observers said "I told you so" after Duane saw precious little action, carrying the ball 32 times for 95 yards. Things will be different this season.



George Allen *Head Coach*

Named general manager and head coach of the Redskins on January 6, 1971, after five years with Los Angeles, Allen proclaimed that "the future is now." That theme proved to be the Redskins' motto in 1971 as they stormed to the NFL playoffs with a 9-4-1 record, the most wins in Washington in 29 years. Then, in 1972, he took his club all the way to the Super Bowl. Began his pro coaching career in 1957 as an assistant with the Rams, then moved to Chicago where he was a defensive assistant for eight seasons. Named head coach of Rams in 1966 and went on to post a 49-17-4 record with L.A. in five stormy campaigns. In two of those years, he led club to division titles, but both times lost in the NFL playoffs, first to Packers, then to Vikings. His current head coaching record of 79-28-5 is best in the NFC. He never played professional football.



Washington 1973 Club Leaders

RUSHING	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Brown	273	860	3.2	27	8
Harraway	128	452	3.5	16	1
Thomas	32	95	3.0	13	0
Mul-Key	8	20	2.5	7	0
Jurgensen	3	7	2.3	7	0
Kilmer	10	5	0.5	5	0
Brunet	2	4	2.0	3	0
Jefferson	1	1	1.0	1	0
Hull	3	-3	-1.5	-1	0
C. Taylor	1	-7	-7.0	-7	0

PASSING	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	TDs	Int
Kilmer	227	122	53.7	1656	14	9
Jurgensen	145	87	60.0	904	6	5

PASS REC.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
C. Taylor	59	801	13.6	53	7
Jefferson	41	595	14.5	36	1
Brown	40	482	12.0	64	6
Harraway	32	291	9.1	31	3
Smith	19	215	11.3	25	0
Reed	9	124	13.8	34	0
Thomas	5	40	8.0	13	0
Hancock	2	3	1.5	2	2
Grant	1	12	12.0	12	1
Jurgensen	1	-3	-3.0	-3	0

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Houston	6	32	5.3	22	0
Bass	5	161	32.2	68	1
Owens	5	123	24.6	27	1
Robinson	4	98	24.5	39	1

Fischer	3	99	33.0	67	0
Hanburger	1	45	45.0	45	0
Vactor	1	34	34.0	34	1
Duncan	1	6	6.0	6	0

KICKOFF RET.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Mul-Key	36	1011	28.1	97	1
Duncan	4	65	16.3	38	0
Tillman	3	42	14.0	18	0

PUNT RET.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Mul-Key	11	103	9.4	27	0
Duncan	28	218	7.8	22	0
Smith	1	0	0.0	0	0

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long
Bragg	64	2581	40.3	61

SCORING	TDR	TDP	TDR	PAT	FG	TP
Knight	0	0	0	22	37	103
Brown	8	6	0	0	0	84
C. Taylor	0	7	0	0	0	42
Harraway	1	3	0	0	0	24
Hancock	0	2	0	0	0	12
Owens	0	0	2	0	0	12
Bass	0	0	1	0	0	6
Biggs	0	0	1	0	0	6
Grant	0	1	0	0	0	6
Mul-Key	0	0	1	0	0	6
Robinson	0	0	1	0	0	6
Stone	0	0	1	0	0	6
Vactor	0	0	1	0	0	6
Jefferson	0	1	0	0	0	6

Washington All-Time Club Leaders

RUSHING

Larry Brown, with 1,249 carries for 5,037 yards	(1969-'73)
Don Bossler, with 780 carries, for 3,112 yards	(1957-'64)

PASSING

Sammy Baugh, with 1,693 completions in 2,995 attempts for 22,085 yards and 186 TDs	(1937-'52)
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PASS RECEIVING

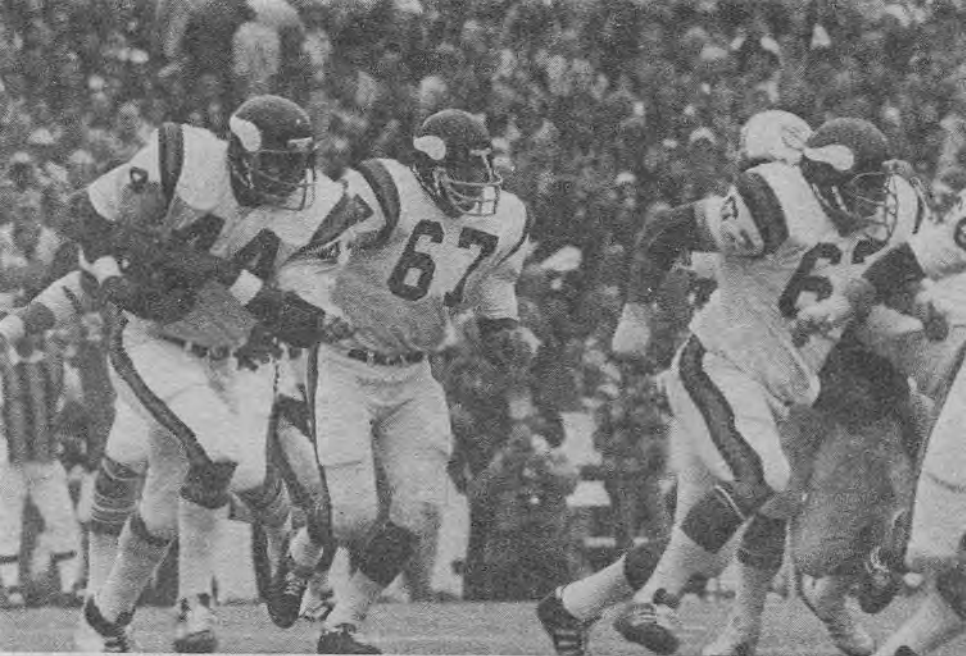
Charley Taylor, with 528 receptions for 7,470 yards	(1964-'73)
Bobby Mitchell, with 393 receptions for 6,471 yards	(1962-'68)

INTERCEPTIONS

Sammy Baugh, with 31	(1937-'52)
Paul Krause, with 27	(1964-'67)

SCORING

Bobby Mitchell, with 498 points	(1962-'68)
Curt Knight, with 475	(1969-'73)
Charley Taylor, with 474 points	(1964-'73)



Rookie Chuck Foreman (44) found going rough against Miami defense.

SUPER BOWL VIII: NO CONTEST

■ The matchup of combatants for Super Bowl VIII at Rice Stadium in Houston seemed to be an excellent one. Defending the title and the honor of the AFC were the execution-minded Miami Dolphins, a blend of disciplined offense and swarming defense. Issuing the challenge on behalf of the NFC were the highly physical Minnesota Vikings, a team which reflected the stoic, no-nonsense approach of Bud Grant, their coach.

To get to Houston for the right to battle for the gonfalon of the universe, the Dolphins and Vikings had traveled amazingly parallel routes. Both clubs had encountered first-half difficulties in the opening rounds of the playoffs, rallied strongly to get past those initial opponents—and then romped to their respective titles by identical 27-10 scores in the Conference championships.

For the Vikings in the opening round, the key maneuver took

place in the locker room at halftime. Trailing the Washington Redskins 7-3 and looking inept, defensive end Carl Eller raged at his mates, then 'smashed a blackboard to pieces. Thus properly impressed by their 6-6, 250-pound fellow, the Vikings turned on the Redskins and put 24 points on the board in the second half to advance to the finals.

Miami, on the other hand, burst to a 21-3 early lead over the Cincinnati Bengals in the opening round then became somewhat lethargic and allowed the hustling Bengals to battle back to a mere 21-16 deficit at

halftime. Also warned at halftime, the silky smooth Dolphins returned in a hostile manner after intermission and shut out the Bengals in the second half while adding 13 more points to also advance to the finals.

Some further details about those opening games: With 45,475 on hand at Metropolitan Stadium in Minnesota in a veritable heat wave of 22 degrees, the Redskins had a 7-3 halftime lead on a 3-yard run by Larry Brown after a fumble recovery by the 'Skins' special team. Eller then obliterated the blackboard. . . . and the Vikings broke away from a 10-10



Dolphin "No Names," led by Manny Fernandez (75), hounded Tar

third period deadlock to score 17 points in the final session on a pair of Fran Tarkenton TD throws to Jon Gilliam.

Francis the Scram completed 16 passes for 222 yards and Oscar Reed ran for 95 yards to set the pace for the Purple People.

In Miami, it was the usual sun-drenched day and the Dolphins opened just as warmly before 74,770, racing to that 21-3 lead on Bob Griese's TD throw to Paul Warfield and scoring runs by Larry Csonka and Mercury Morris. Then the Bengals bit back. Neil Craig stole a Griese pass and raced 45 yards for a score and Horst Muhlmann kicked a pair of field goals within a minute of each other and it was a mere 21-16 thing at the half. The Dolphins regrouped then, and the "No Name" defense did its number in the second half, Griese threw a TD pass to Jim Mandich and it was a 34-16 finish.

Meanwhile, in the other first round warfare, the Oakland Raiders got hunk with the Pittsburgh Steelers after the stunning finish of 1972. Running off 74 plays to 46 for Pittsburgh before 51,110 at Oakland, the Pride & Poise Gang mashed the Pitts 33-14 with George Blanda booting four field goals and all of the Raider running backs chipping in towards 232 yards of overland yardage. And in Texas

the Dallas Cowboys zoomed to a 17-0 lead over the Los Angeles Rams, watched as L.A. fought back to 17-16, then had the Texans on their feet when Roger Staubach hit Drew Pearson for an 83-yard TD connection to break it open towards the eventual 27-16 triumph.

Both Oakland and Dallas appeared to be formidable foes for the Dolphins and Vikings in the Conference championships. Instead, the Dolphins and Vikings won at will.

Back at Texas Stadium again under bright sunshine seeping through the open roof, the Vikings came out pitching and mounted two long drives which resulted in a touchdown and field goal and a 10-0 halftime lead. In the third period, Mike Eischeid's punt was returned 63 yards for a Dallas TD by Golden Richards, but at that juncture, Fran Tarkenton threw his most important pass of the season.

With his lead down to 10-7, Francis sent his swift weapon Jon Gilliam downfield and then threw the football as far as he could. The ball came down into the arms of Gilliam 54 yards distant over the leap of Mel Renfro and it was now a big 17-7 edge. Bob Bryant put the icing on the cake with a 63-yard sprint with a pilfered Roger Staubach pass and the Vikings were on their way to Houston feeling pretty good about the whole idea.

And in Miami in more balmy weather, the Dolphins went at the Raiders with gusto, shredding the Oakland defense behind Larry Little and his offensive line mates. So sinewy was the Miami rushing game that Griese threw only six times all day. From the opening gong, the Miamis stormed to a TD with Griese scrambling 27 yards for a big play. The No Names did their thing for the rest of the half, and Miami went up 14-0 at halftime when Csonka crunched in to cap a 63-yard drive. An exchange of field goals in the third quarter made it 17-3 and when the Raiders went for an important first down in the final period with the count 20-10, the Dolphin defense bombed it out and Miami waltzed 43 yards for the final score of the day.

Thus the stage was set for the battle of the behemoths in

There was gamesmanship almost from the outset. First to the attack was Viking coach Grant who was unhappy with the Viking training facilities, calling them "second class." If that was intended to get his warriors in a nasty mood, it did not work out that way. All week long, prior to the kickoff, the Vikings were a loose group. . . . relaxed and exuding confidence. Tarkenton met the press daily with a rakish cowboy hat and was warm, gracious, patient and confident.

On the other hand, the

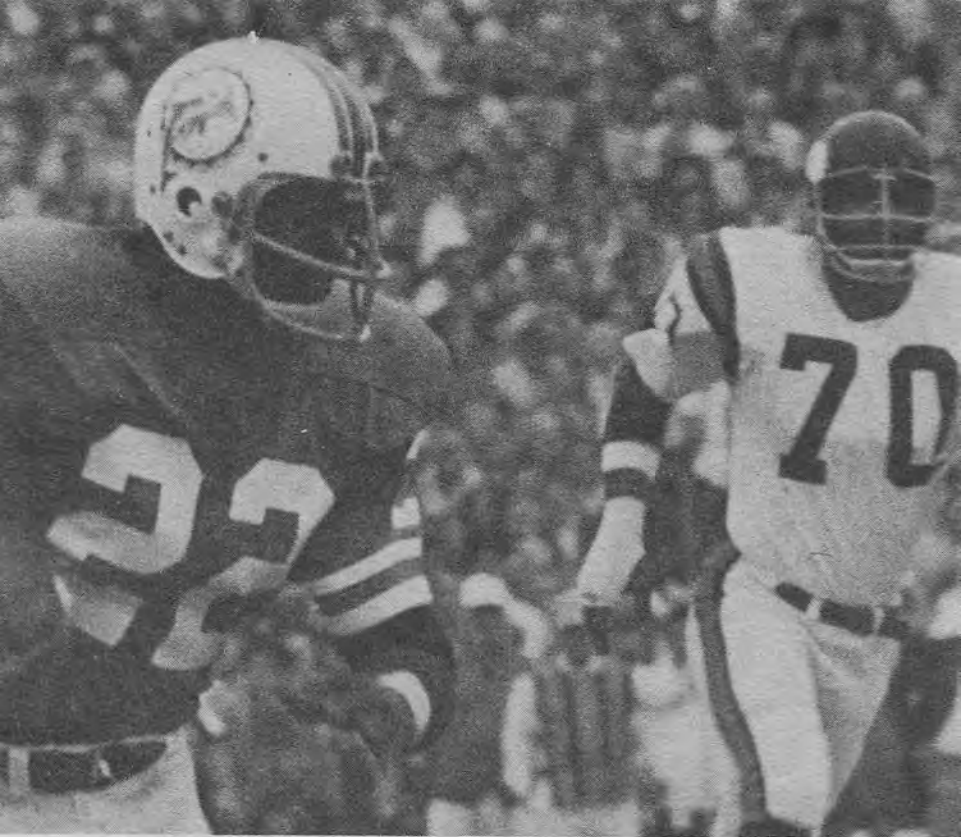
Dolphin players seemed edgy. Csonka, defensive tackle Manny Fernandez and others seemed short-tempered at the daily press conferences. If all of this behavior seemed a barometer of some sort, it indicated that perhaps the Dolphins were about to meet their match in the bruising Vikings who seemed ready to play as early as Wednesday.

And at the countless cocktail parties all week, the heavy talk, between sips and nips, centered on whether the Vikings could contain the Miami running attack, and whether the Dolphin No Names could contain Tarkenton.

Super Bowl Day dawned cloudy and cool in Houston with a slight chance of rain. But by game time, the temperature was 50 degrees and no rain would fall this day.

The Vikings lost the toss. . . .and just about everything else by game's end. Having correctly called the coin flip, the Dolphins elected to receive and with good reason—since they invariably would drive the length of the field for a touchdown on the opening series, regardless of who they happened to be playing.

The Vikings' Fred Cox stepped into the spheroid and booted it down to the Miami 7-yard line where the superlative safetyman Jake Scott hauled it in and promptly fled 31 yds.



Big Jim Marshall (70) tries to nab elusive Mercury Morris.

upfield with it through Viking defenders. And so the Dolphins set up shop on their own 38 and it was time to see how the Vikings could handle the Dolphins' powerful offensive line, the strength of Csonka and the quickness of Mercury Morris.

First down. Griesse hands to Morris who gets four yards at right end before Eller knocks him out of bounds. Now Csonka hits at right guard, is banged at the line of scrimmage by Gary Larsen, but still gets two. Third down—four—will the Dolphins

throw or give it to Csonka? Griesse fakes to Csonka, sends Paul Warfield deep to clear out an area then throws perfectly underneath to tight end Mandich for 13 yards and a big first down at the Viking 43.

Back to the attack. Morris tries right tackle but the Vikings' powerful Alan Page belts Mercury backwards for no gain. Loud cheers from Minnesota fans and Viking bench. Second and long—another passing down? No way. Griesse hands it to Csonka, guard Bob

Kuechenberg and center Jim Langer blast open a hole at left guard and the 237-pound fullback roars through for 16 yards to the 27. Silence from Minnesota fans and Viking bench.

Now Griese goes to work in earnest, like a surgeon performing a delicate operation with ponderous credentials and aides.

On first down from the 27, he whistles a pass to wide receiver Marlin Briscoe in the right flat for six yards. Then Csonka is sent crashing up the middle for five more and another first down. The Vikings are reeling already. Csonka again at right tackle behind a crisp block by Little which springs the fullback for eight more yards to the eighty-yard line. Second and two. Morris hits left guard for three, and then from the five, Csonka rips into the right side and runs over two tacklers into the end zone.

The 62-yard drive takes but 10 plays and 5:27 of playing time. An awesome march in which Griese completes both passing attempts and Csonka churns up 36 yards in five shots at the Viking defense.

Okay, the Dolphins can score on the Vikings. Now, can the Vikings retaliate against the No Names, particularly since it can be fatal not to stay even against the precision outfit.

Garó Yepremian kicks off to

the Viking one-yard line where Charlie West fields it and heads upfield. He gets only 13 yards as the Dolphin special team men swarm him under at the 14. Already the two initial field positions have differed considerably as Tarkenton & Co. set up shop on their own 14.

Tarkenton calls on his solid rookie running back Chuck Foreman on his first two calls. The 216-pounder gets five at left tackle on the first down play, but when he tries left guard on the next call, Fernandez and Mike Kolen, the outside linebacker, stack him up for no gain at the line. Now Tarkenton has his first key call, a third and five situation. He flares Foreman out of the backfield and hits him with a swing pass. . . . but middle linebacker Nick Buoniconti has sniffed it out, along with Fernandez, and the two Dolphins nail Foreman short of the first down, forcing a Viking punt.

The Dolphins put a good rush on punter Eischeid who gets off a wobbly 34-yard effort to the Dolphin 43 where Scott grabs it, is hit hard and fumbles. Another harbinger. Scott dives into the pile and recovers his own bobble at the 44 and Miami is in business again.

Now the die is cast. . . and the first period is not yet halfway done. The Vikings will have to stop the Dolphins here or be blown out, make no mistake.



Big Larry Csonka (39) tore holes in Viking line all afternoon.

about it. Page, Eller, Larsen and Jim Marshall brace for the assault.

Morris gets five at left end for openers and then Griese uses play action on second down and has Mandich open in the right flat for eight yards and another first down into Minnesota territory. Mercury gets four at right tackle and then Csonka rips right tackle for another eight and another first down as the Miami line fires out in a

blend of fury and precision. Jim Kiick replaces Morris and is nailed for a three-yard loss by Page and Miami faces second and 13 from the 34.

The Vikings are thinking pass... instead, Griese uses play action again and gives to Csonka who rams inside right end for 12 yards to the 22. On third and one, it's Csonka again at right guard for eight more devastating yards and a first down at the 14. The machine

grinds on. On first down, Griese hits Briscoe on a sideline pattern for 13 yards to the one, and two plays later Kiick rips into the end zone.

Again, it takes but 10 plays to cover the 56 yards and 5:46 of playing time and it's 14-0 game.

These two Miami drives were perfection. Heady calls. Outstanding blocking. Csonka. Morris. Days after the game, people would say that Super Bowl VIII had been a boring game. That could be . . . because perfection is not all that exciting. To purists, the game was a masterpiece.

For all intents and purposes, the Super Bowl ended after the second Miami scoring drive. The Dolphins were to score 10 more points and the Vikings would get on the board for one touchdown for the final 24-7 score, but the game was, in truth, decided on Miami's first 20 offensive plays against a very, very good Viking defensive unit.

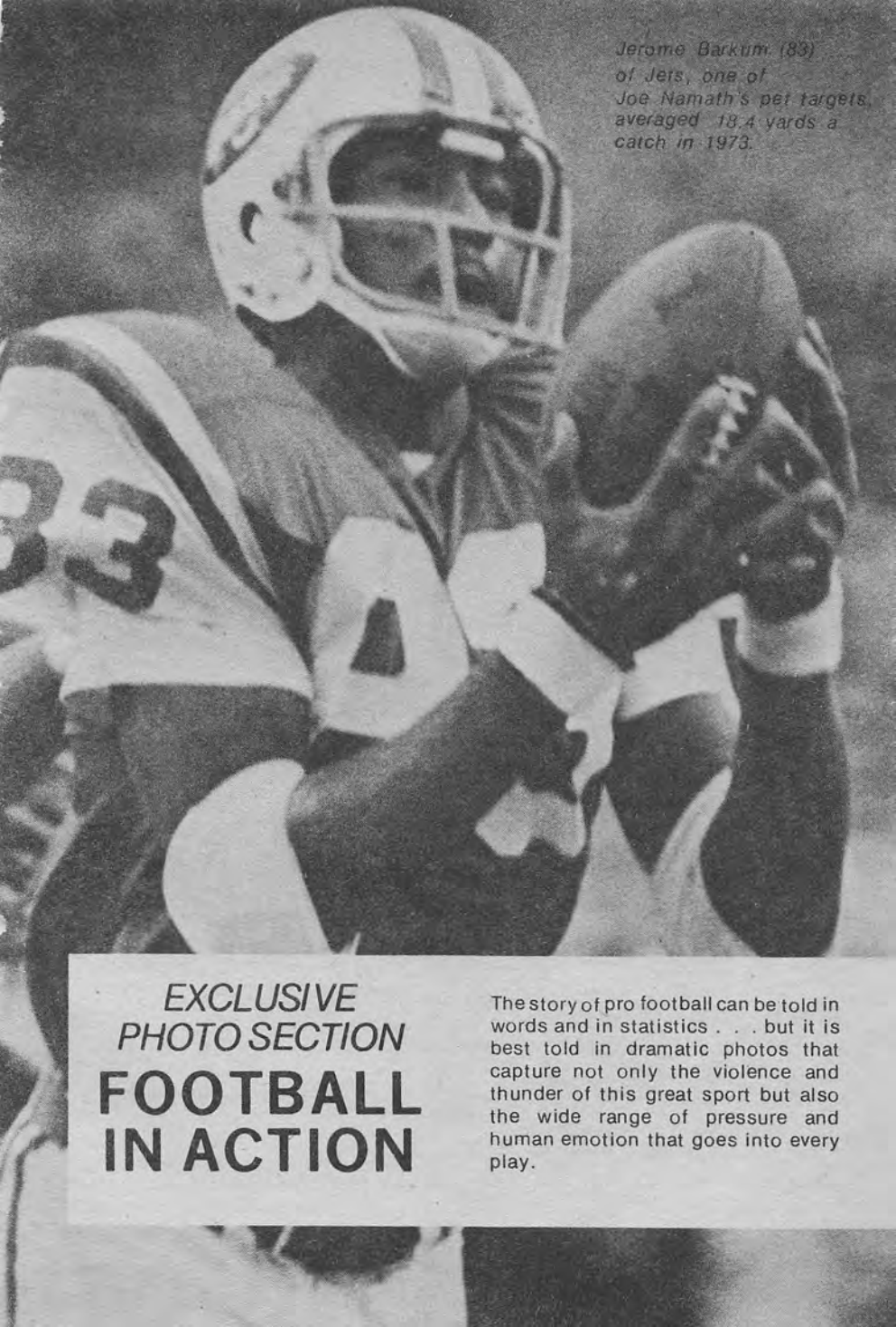
It was 17-0 at halftime after Yepremian kicked a 28-yard field goal in the second period to cap a 44-yard march, and the Vikings missed scoring in the final moments of the half when Oscar Reed fumbled on fourth down at the Dolphin one-yard line and Jake Scott recovered. Tarkenton had taken the Vikings from their own 20 on a fine march, hitting four of six passes, the big one a 30-yarder to Gilliam . . . but the Vikings had three shots at the

Dolphins from Miami's two-yard line, and could not get in.

Griese was five-for-six in passing in the first half and would throw only once in the second half, completing that one for 27 yards en route to another touchdown. That throw went to Warfield who made a diving catch at the Viking 11 on the Dolphins' first possession of the second half. Csonka scored the TD from the two and it was 24-0 at the end of three periods.

Tarkenton took his club 57 yards in 10 plays and scored the TD himself from four yards out at 1:35 of the final period but it was a mere bagatelle. The Vikings final try to get on the board was aborted when Tarkenton's pass into the end zone intended for Jim Lash was intercepted by Curtis Johnson . . . and from that point, Miami ran out the clock with style and in the manner in which they had won the championship. Running the clock down from the 6:24 mark, Csonka and Klick alternated hauling the ball from the Miami 10 to the Vikings' 29.

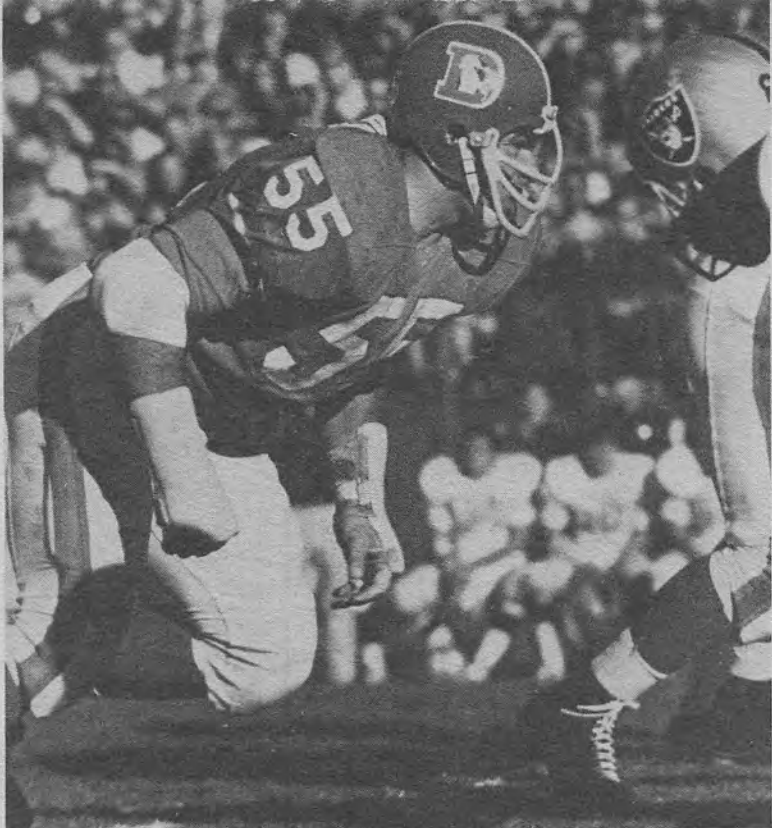
Csonka, who in addition to the \$15,000 winners' share, won the MVP designation and car which goes with it, rolled up 145 yards rushing in the destruction of the Norsemen. That was the single most impressive statistic, those 145 yards, on a day that Miami's overall team performance proved to be exactly what the purists thought—perfection.●



*Jerome Barkum (83)
of Jets, one of
Joe Namath's per targets
averaged 18.4 yards a
catch in 1973.*

**EXCLUSIVE
PHOTO SECTION
FOOTBALL
IN ACTION**

The story of pro football can be told in words and in statistics . . . but it is best told in dramatic photos that capture not only the violence and thunder of this great sport but also the wide range of pressure and human emotion that goes into every play.



DE Pete Duranko (55) anchors a rugged defense that has made a contender of Denver Broncos.



One of the bright spots for Houston in 1973 was the play of running back Fred Willis (44).

Greg Pruitt of the Browns is one of pro football's most explosive kick return men.





DE Donnell Smith (65) and DT Mel Lunsford (72)
typify aggressive N.E. Patriots defense.





Cincy's Boobie Clark, AFC rookie of the year, narrowly missed 1,000 yards.

Ray Chester of Colts (47 at right) is tight end with size and running ability.



Eagles' Charlie Young (86) could be the best tight end in the NFL.



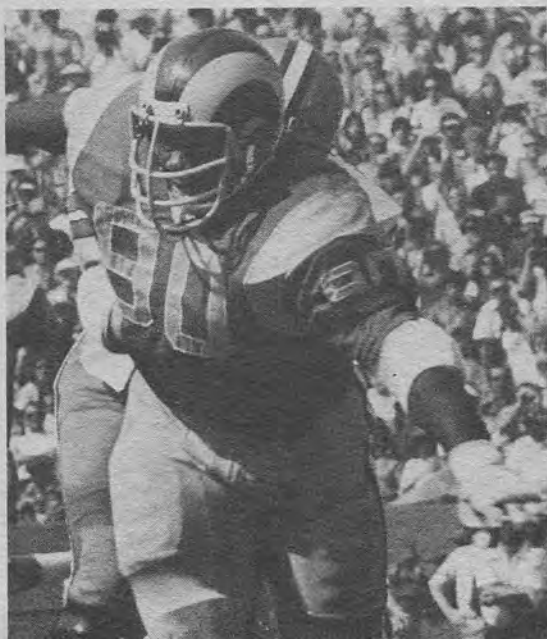




Gang tackling by Saints (in white) has helped improve New Orleans defense.



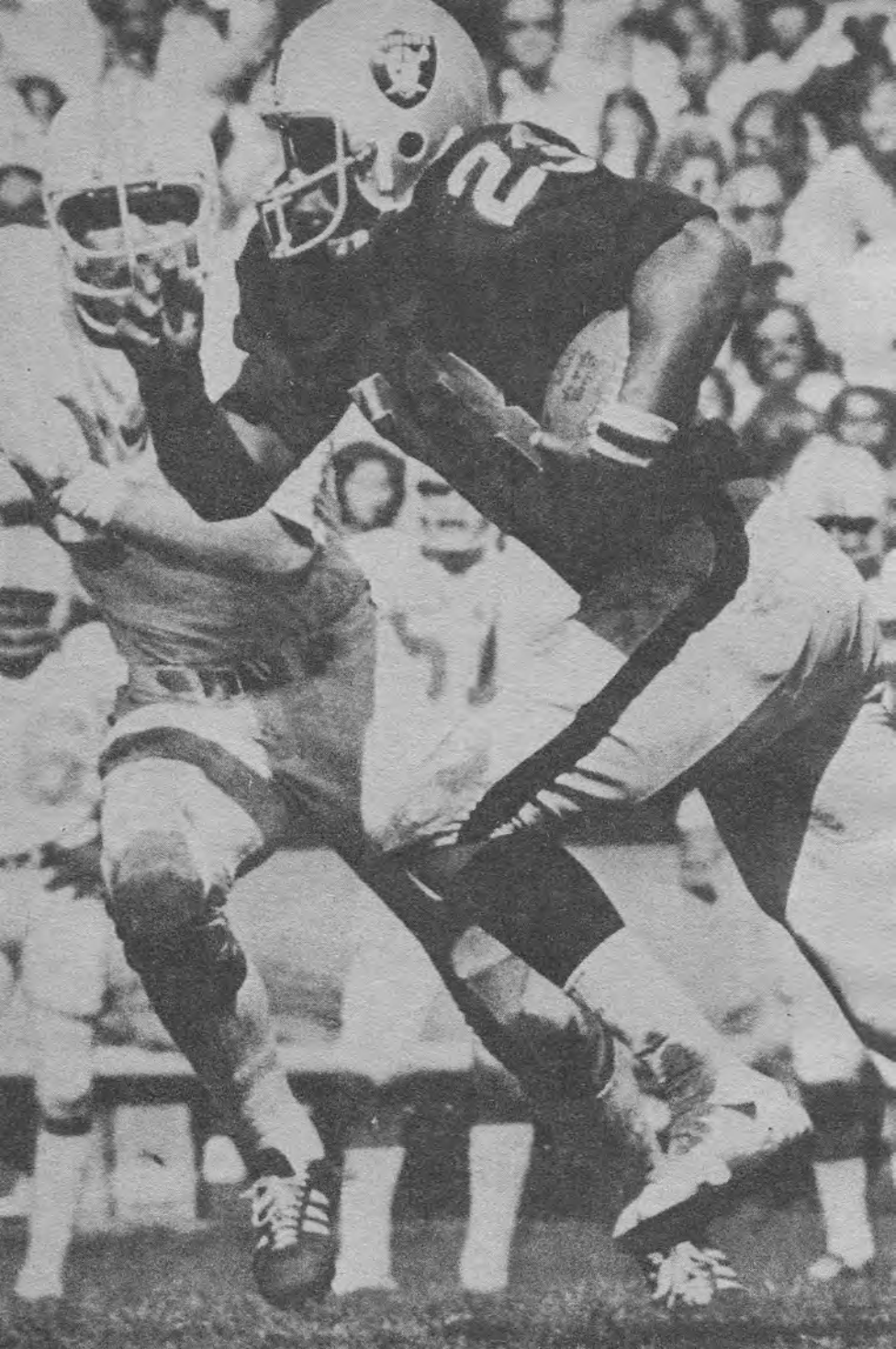
Art Malone (25) of the Falcons is a tough runner to bring down in the open field.



DE Larry Brooks (80), a great pass-rusher, is one reason Rams had top defense in 1973.

They call him a "flake," but Tim Rossovich of Charges is also a "Seek-and-destroy" linebacker.







Vikings are expecting big things from second-year RB Ed Marinaro (49).



Chiefs need more runs like this from Wendell Hayes (38) to make playoffs.

Charlie Smith (23) of Raiders can turn short gain into a long TD run.



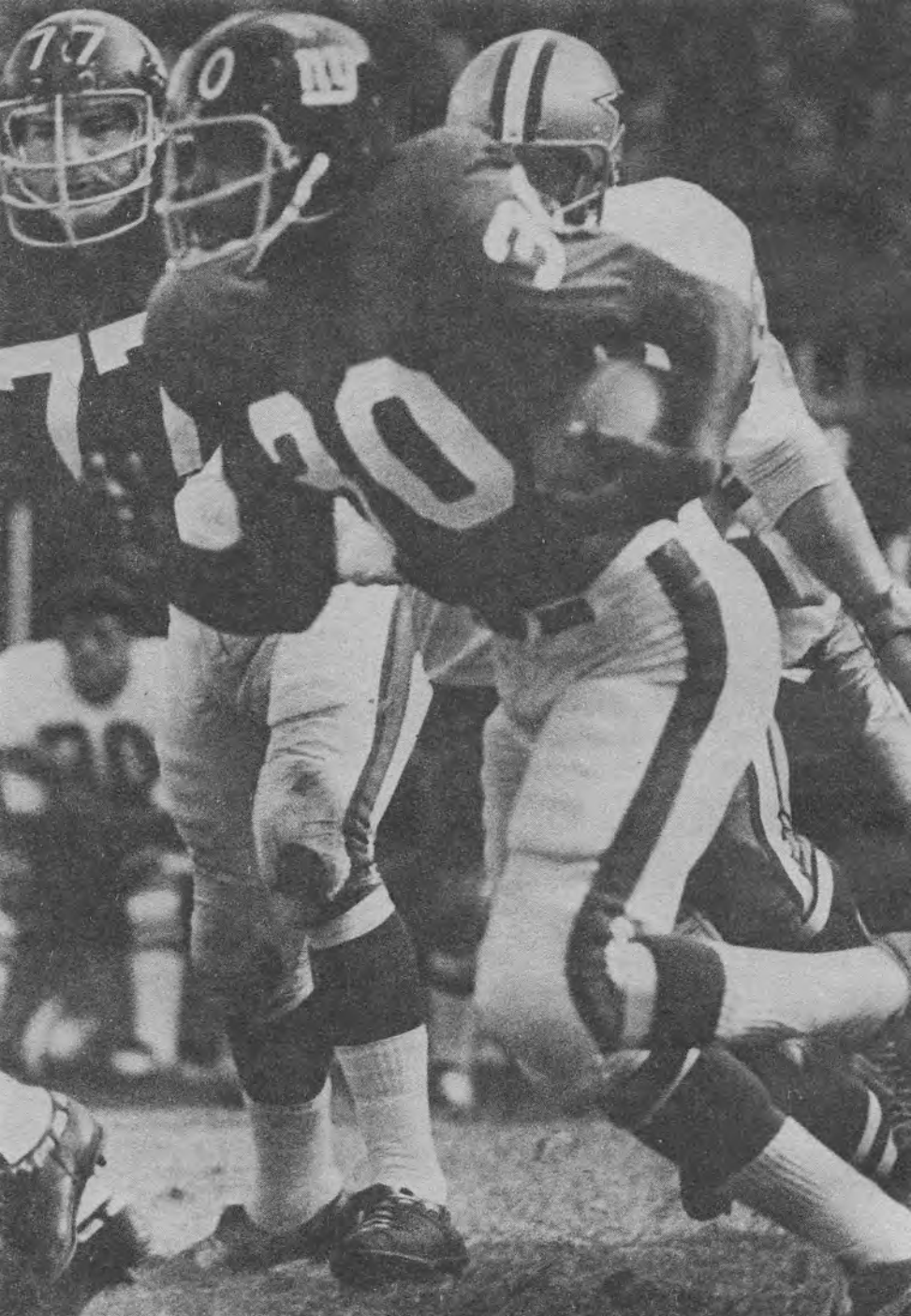


Buffalo fans are predicting All-Pro honors for linebacker Jim Cheyunski (50).



Blaine Nye (61), a perennial All-Pro, leads quick-hitting Dallas offensive line.

Pittsburgh's alert Mike Wagner (23) blocks punt by Oilers' Dan Pastorini.



Giants look to Ron Johnson(30) to lead them back from NFC doldrums.

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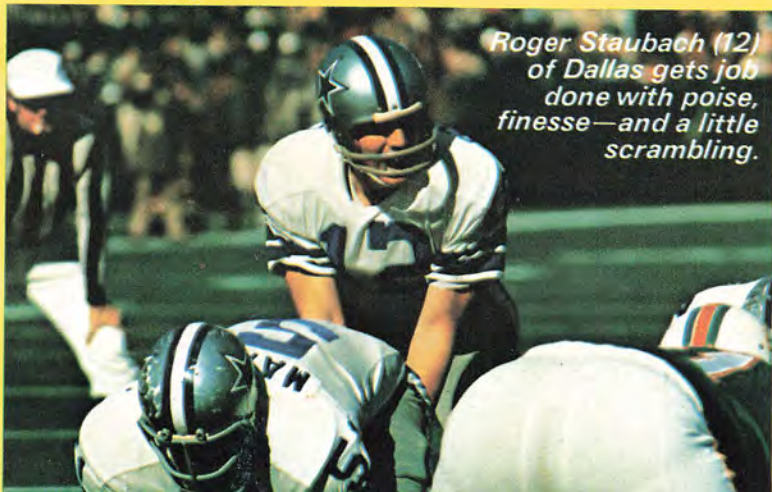
QB styles vary. Joe Kapp (11), ex-Viking, was big, rugged, awkward—but effective.



THE MAN BEHIND THE CENTER

A pro football team is really only a reflection of its quarterback. His personality and leadership qualities are stamped indelibly on everything that happens. He's the heart of the ball club; the command post, the computer center. He's both decision-maker and trigger man. His role in today's swift and complex game is unique. Indeed, he is unique...

Roger Staubach (12) of Dallas gets job done with poise, finesse—and a little scrambling.



*Redskins' Billy Kilmer (17)
is one of the best short
passers in pro ball.*

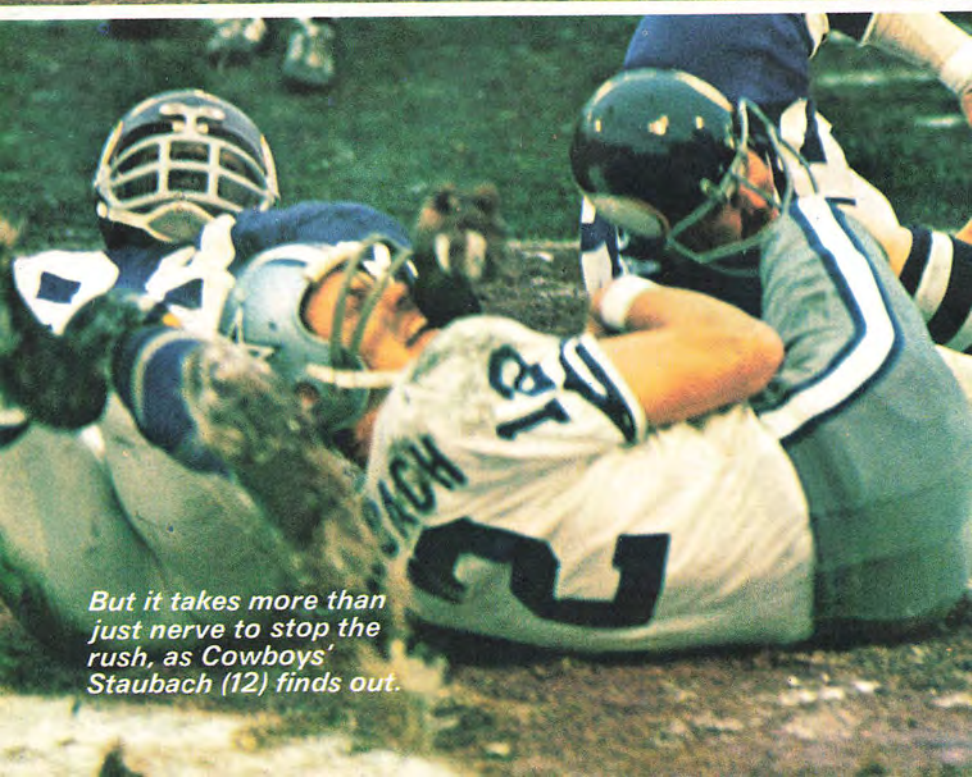


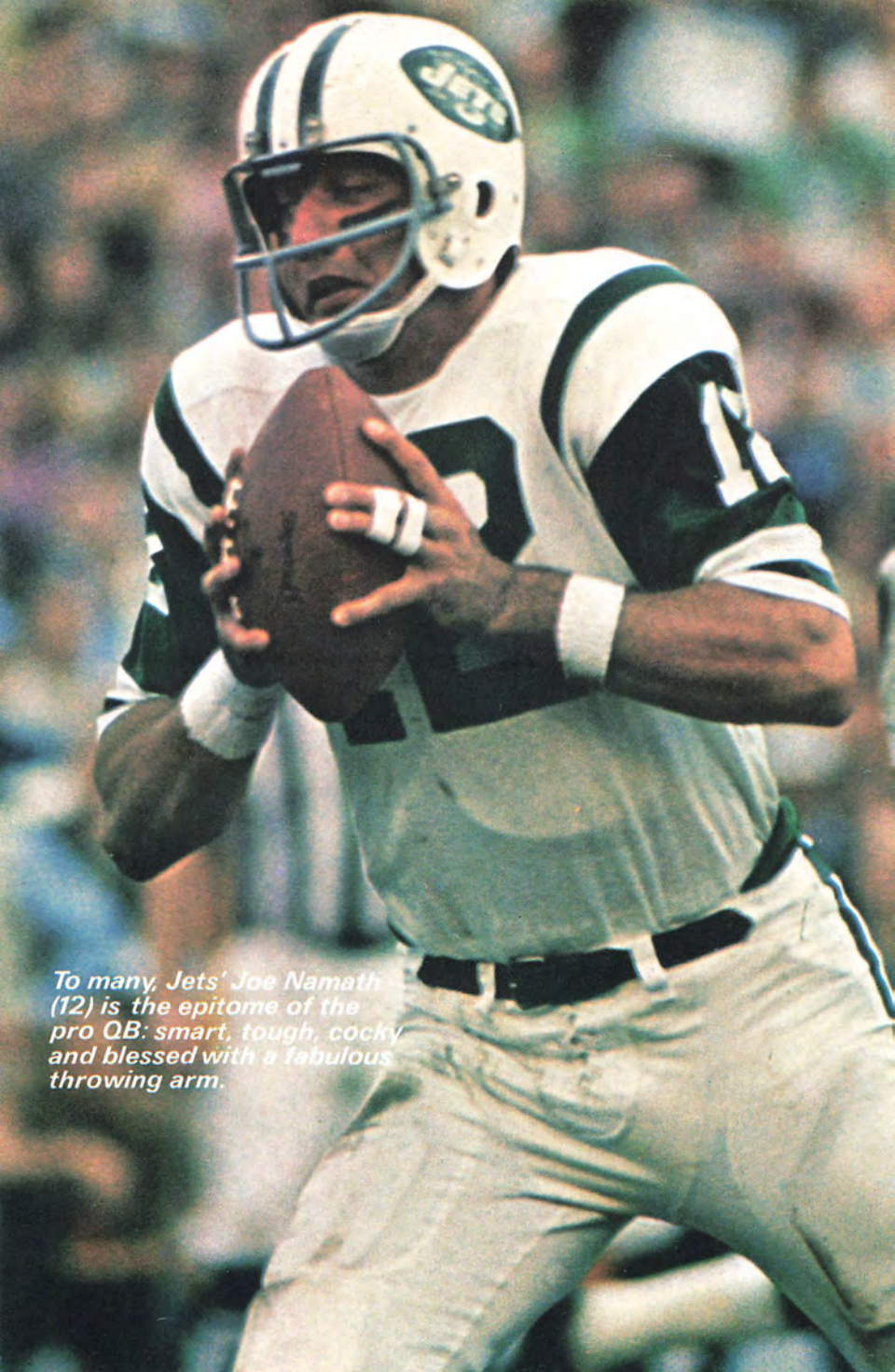


Great QBs, like Chiefs' Len Dawson, have iron nerve to face up to savage pass rush.

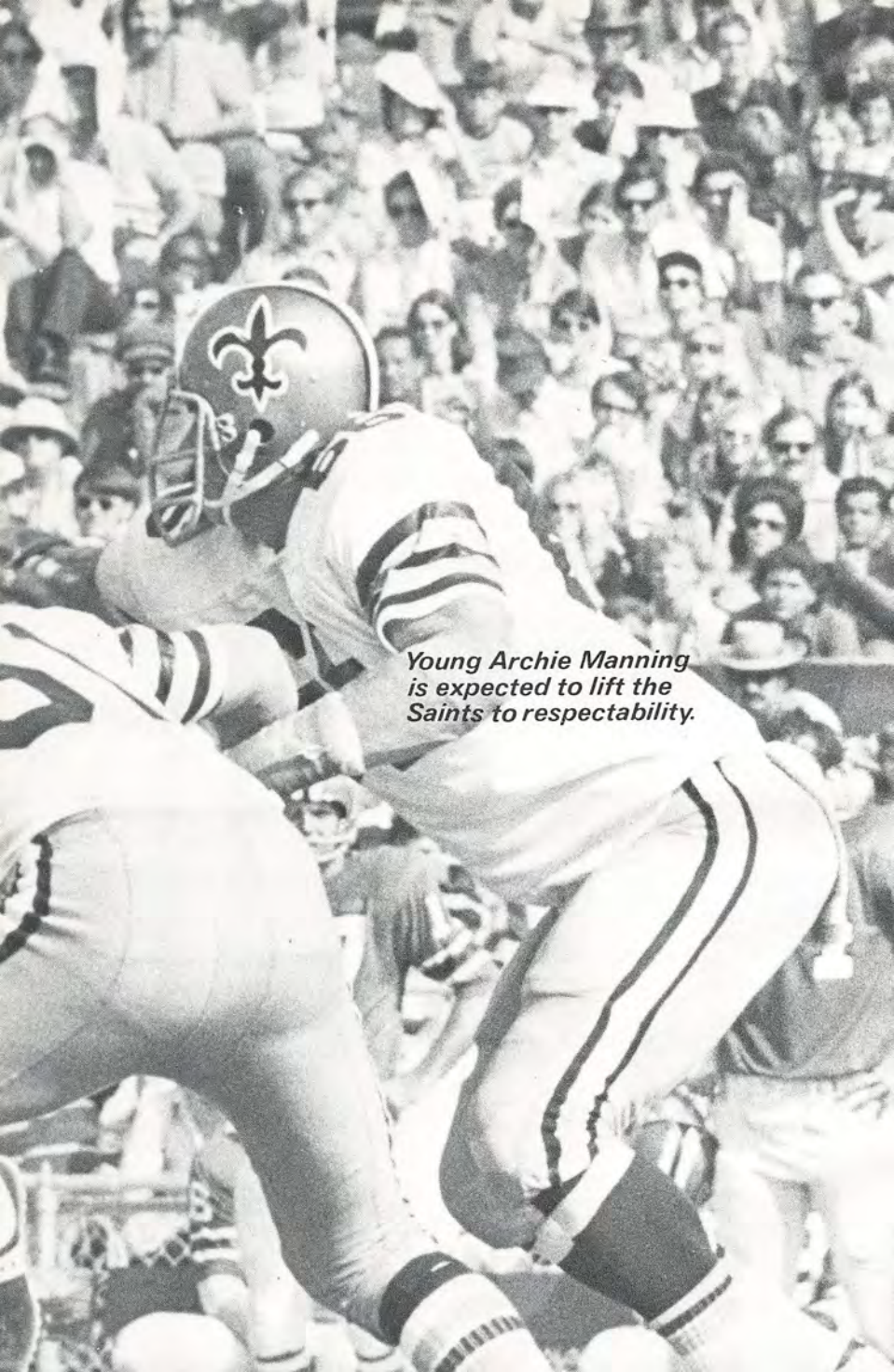


But it takes more than just nerve to stop the rush, as Cowboys' Staubach (12) finds out.





To many, Jets' Joe Namath (12) is the epitome of the pro QB: smart, tough, cocky and blessed with a fabulous throwing arm.



*Young Archie Manning
is expected to lift the
Saints to respectability.*





Miami's Bob Griese (12) is a "percentage" QB at the controls of a wonderfully-balanced Dolphin football machine.



Jack Concannon (11), ex-Bear quarterback, worried rival defenses more with his running than with his aerial thrusts.

*Interceptions have kept
Oilers' Dan Pastorini from
reaching potential.*

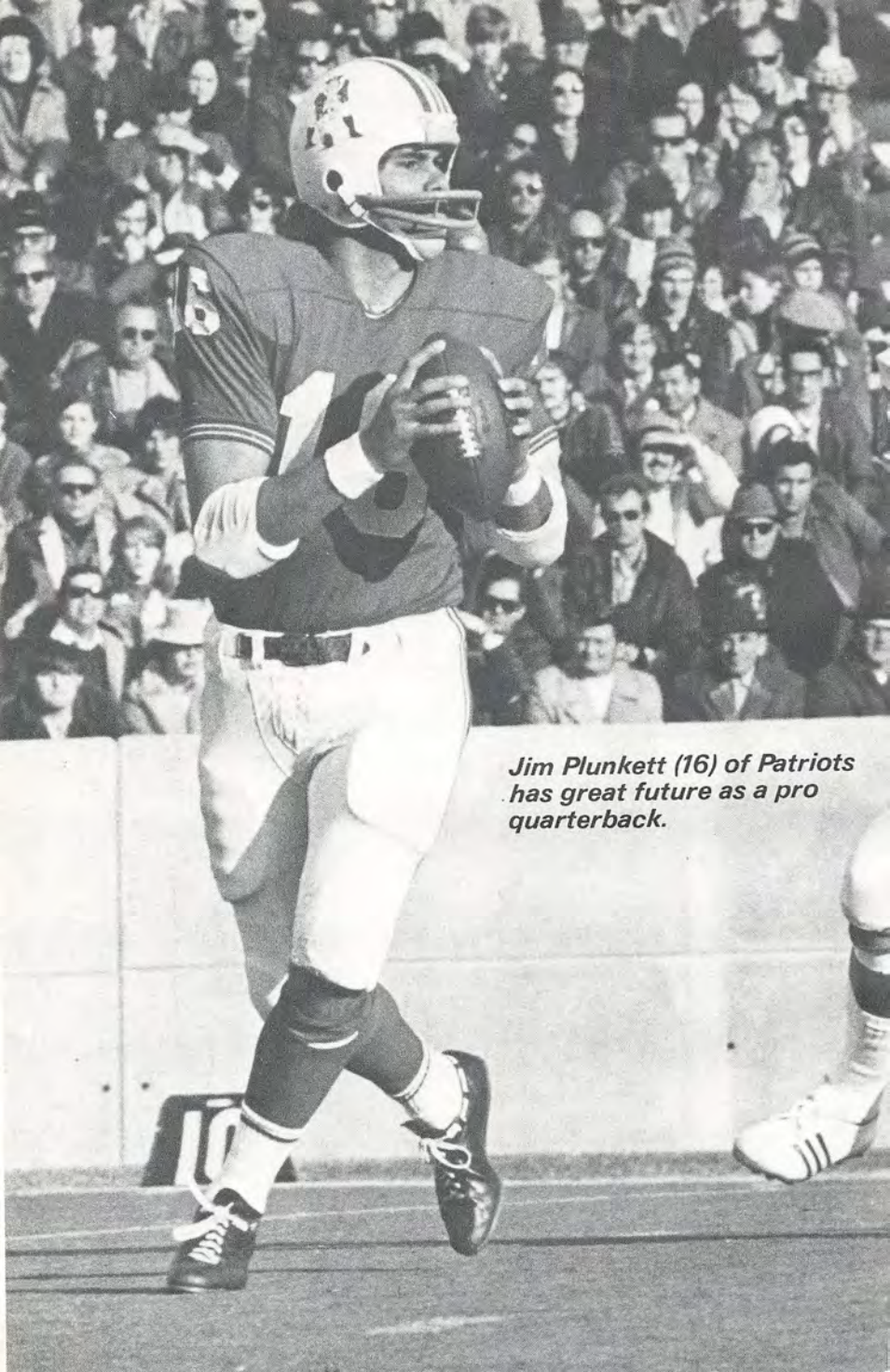


*Another of the bright young
QB stars in the NFL is
Buffalo's Joe Ferguson.*



*Al Woodall (18) gives Jets
quality back-up insurance
for injury-prone Namath.*






*Jim Plunkett (16) of Patriots
has great future as a pro
quarterback.*

A close-up action shot from a football game. Greg Landry, wearing a blue Detroit Lions jersey with the number 11, is in a three-point stance, holding the football with both hands. He is being pressured by a defender in a white jersey with orange and red accents. Another player in a blue jersey is visible to the left, also in a three-point stance. The background is a blurred crowd of spectators.

The sure hands of Greg Landry (11) of Lions minimize chances of a fumble on crucial third-and-one plays like this.

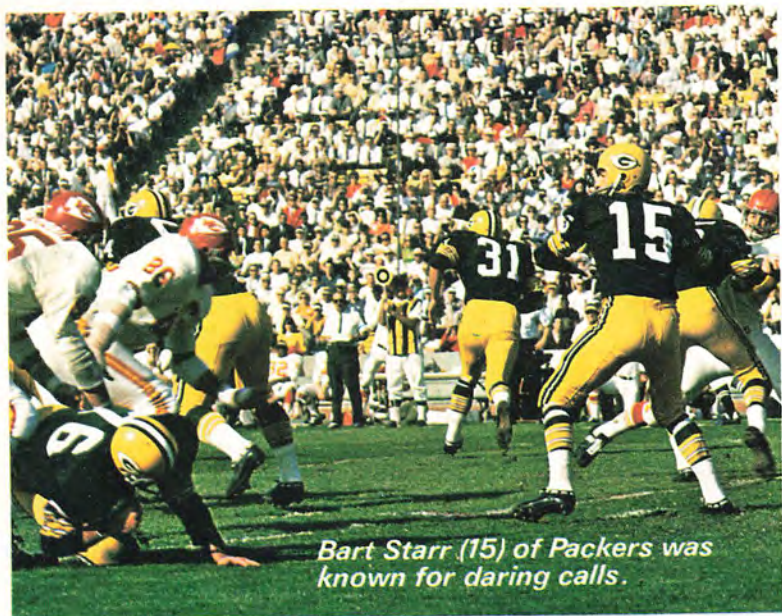
A wide-angle action shot from a football game. A quarterback in a white jersey with black and gold accents is being tackled by a defensive lineman in a red jersey with the number 75. The defensive lineman is jumping high, with his arms outstretched, attempting to sack the quarterback. The quarterback is holding the football and looking down. The background is a large, dense crowd of spectators in a stadium.

The quarterback is natural enemy of all those big, mean defensive linemen.



*Cocky young Terry Bradshaw (12)
has taken Steelers to two playoffs.*





Bart Starr (15) of Packers was known for daring calls.



This Super Bowl tackle helped shorten the career of legendary Johnny Unitas (19).

NFL'S TOP DRAFT SELECTIONS

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

BALTIMORE COLTS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	DUTTON, John	DE	Nebraska
	CARR, Roger	WR	Louisiana Tech
2.	COOK, Fred	RB	Southern Mississippi
	SHUTTLES + WORTH, Ed	RB	Michigan
	From Philadelphia		
3.	ROBINSON, Glenn	LB-DE	Oklahoma State
	PRATT, Robert	G	N. Carolina
	from Denver		

BUFFALO BILLS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	GANT, Reuben	TE	Oklahoma State
2.	ALLEN, Doug	LN	Penn State
	from Houston		
	Choice to San Diego		
3.	MARANGI, Gary	QB	Boston College

CINCINNATI BENGALS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	KOLLAR, Bill	DT	Montana St.
2.	DAVIS, Charlie	RB	Colorado
3.	LAPHAM, David	G	Syracuse
	From New Orleans		
	JOLITZ, Evan	LB	Cincinnati

CLEVELAND BROWNS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
2.	CORBETT, Billy	T	Johnson C. Smith
5.	ILGENFRITZ, Mark	DE	Vanderbilt
6.	PRITCHETT, Billy	RB	West Texas State
	from Buffalo		

DENVER BRONCOS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	GRADISHAR, Randy	LB	Ohio State
2.	WAFFER, Carl	DT	Tennessee St.
3.	Choice to Baltimore		
	MINOR, Claudie	T	San Diego St.
	From Cleveland		

HOUSTON OILERS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
4.	MANSTEDT, Steve	LB	Nebraska
6.	Choice to Kansas City Through New Orleans		
	BROWN, Booker	G	So. California
	from Los Angeles		
7.	FAIRLEY, Leonard	DB	Alcorn A&M

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	GREEN, Woody	RB	Arizona State
2.	GETTY, Charley	T	Penn State
3.	JAYNES, David	QB	Kansas

MIAMI DOLPHINS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	REESE, Donald	DE	Jackson State
2.	TILLMAN, Andre	TE	Texas Tech
	from Green Bay		
	MALONE, Ben	RB	Arizona State
	from Dallas		
	WHITE, Jeris	DB	Hawaii
3.	MOORE, Nat	WR	Florida

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	Choice to San Francisco		
2.	CORBETT, Steve	LB	North Dakota State
3.	Choice to Chicago through Washington		

NEW YORK JETS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	BARZILAUSKAS, Carl	DT	Indiana
2.	BROWNE, Gordon	T	Boston College
3.	TURK, Godwin	LB	Southern U.
	WORD, Roscoe	DB	Jackson State
	from Washington		

OAKLAND RAIDERS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	LAWRENCE, Henry	T	Florida A&M
2.	CASPER, Dave	TE	Notre Dame
3.	Choice to Atlanta through New Orleans		
	VAN EEGHEN, Mark	RB	Colgate
	from Pittsburgh		

PITTSBURGH STEELERS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	SWANN, Lynn	WR	So. California
2.	LAMBERT, Jack	LB	Kent State
3.	Choice to Oakland		

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	MATTHEWS, Bo	RB	Colorado
	GOODE, Don	LB	Kansas
	from Cleveland		
2.	Choice to Minnesota		
	MARKOVICH, Mark	C	Penn State
	from Buffalo		
3.	Choice to Chicago		

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

ATLANTA FALCONS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	Choice to Minnesota	WR	Kent State
2.	TINKER, Gerald	WR	Kent State
3.	Mc QUILKEN, Kim	QB	Lehigh
	SPENCER, Maurice	DB	No. Carolina Central
	From Oakland through New Orleans		

CHICAGO BEARS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	BRYANT, Waymond	LB	Tennessee State
	GALLAGHER, Dave	DE-DT	Michigan
	from Washington through Los Angeles		
2.	Choice to New England		
3.	WHEELER, Wayne	WR	Alabama
	from San Diego		

DALLAS COWBOYS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	JONES, Ed	DE	Tennessee State
	from Houston		
	YOUNG, Charley	RB	N. Carolina State
3.	WHITE, Danny	QB	Arizona State
	From Houston		
	PETERSON, Cal	LB	UCLA

DETROIT LIONS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	O'NEIL, Ed	LB	Penn State
	From New Orleans		
2.	HOWARD, Billy	DT	Alcorn A&M
3.	BUSSEY, Dexter	RB	Texas-Arlington

GREEN BAY PACKERS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	SMITH, Barty	RB	Richmond
5.	ODOM, Steve	WR	Utah
6.	WOODS, Don	RB	New Mexico
	from Chicago		
	PAYNE, Ken	WR	Langston, Okla.

LOS ANGELES RAMS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	CAPPELLETTI, John	RB	Penn State
	from Philadelphia		
2.	SIMPSON, Bill	DB	Michigan State
3.	OLIVER, Al	T	UCLA

MINNESOTA VIKINGS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	MC NEILL, Fred	LB	UCLA
	RILEY, Steve	T	S. California
2.	HOLLAND, John	WR	Tennessee State
	from San Diego		
	BLAIR, Matt	LB	Iowa State
3.	CRAIG, Steve	TE	Northwestern
	from Green Bay through San Diego		
	ANDERSON, Scott	C	Missouri

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	Choice to Detroit		
	MIDDLETON, Rick	LB	Ohio State
	from Detroit		
2.	SEAL, Paul	TE	Michigan
3.	Choice to Cincinnati		

NEW YORK GIANTS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	HICKS, John	G	Ohio State
2.	MULLEN, Tom	G	Southwest Missouri
3.	DVORAK, Rick	DE-LB	Wichita State

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	Choice to Los Angeles		
2.	Choice to Baltimore		
3.	SUTTON, Mitch	DT	Kansas

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	JACKSON, Wilbur	RB	Alabama
	from New England		
	SANDIFER, Bill	DT	UCLA
2.	FAHNHORST, Keith	TE	Minnesota
	WILLIAMS, Delvin	RB	Kansas
	from Washington		
3.	Choice to St. Louis		

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	CAIN, J. V.	TE	Colorado
2.	KINDLE, Greg	T	Tennessee State
3.	Choice to San Diego		
	GEORGE, Steve	DT	Houston
	from San Francisco		

WASHINGTON REDSKINS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
6.	KEYWORTH, Jon	TE	Colorado
	from Kansas City		
7.	VARTY, Mike	LB	Northwestern
	from Los Angeles		
8.	ROBINSON, Darwin	RB	Dakota State, S.D.

BALTIMORE COLTS



Lydell Mitchell (26), a 963-yard rusher, is mainstay of Colts' attack.

No one was really surprised by the Colts' 4-10 season that ruined Howard Schnellenberger's coaching debut in 1973, especially in view of all the personnel changes made by general manager Joe Thomas.

However, both the coaching staff and Thomas viewed last season as a learning experience which gave a great deal of playing time to the fresh, young and talented faces imported by Thomas in his effort to remake the Colts into a successful team.

Schnellenberger admits to a certain optimism about the coming season. "Optimism and anticipation are two words that best describe the feeling we have about our 1974 Colts," he says. "Twenty-five of the returning 44 veterans have two years or less NFL experience. We're optimistic because of the

way we closed the 1973 season—with a convincing win over the Dolphins and a victory against New England."

Given the opportunity to play through Thomas' wholesale remodeling of both the offense and defense, 11 rookies made the squad, and three, Ehrmann, Barnes and Jones saw a great deal of playing time.

Thomas, who is a firm believer in building through the draft, has given Schnellenberger even more of an impressive rookie crop to work with this season. The Colts had seven picks in the first four rounds, and Thomas is expecting at least four starters to come from the likes of John Dutton, Roger Carr, Fred Cook, Glenn Robinson, Robert Pratt and Tony Bell. Unfortunately, Ed Shuttleworth, Michigan's fine fullback, decided to sign with Toronto of the CFL.

Baltimore Veteran Roster

						Pro												Pro									
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.
73	Amman, R.	DE-DT	6-5	250	22	3	52	Kaczmarek, M.	LB	6-4	235	22	2	52	Kaczmarek, M.	LB	6-4	235	22	2	52	Kaczmarek, M.	LB	6-4	235	22	2
88	Andrews, J.	TE	6-3	227	24	3	44	Kern, R.	CB-S	6-1	190	23	4	44	Kern, R.	CB-S	6-1	190	23	4	44	Kern, R.	CB-S	6-1	190	23	4
79	Bailey, J.	DT	6-6	255	24	5	40	Laird, B.	CB-S	6-0	185	23	3	40	Laird, B.	CB-S	6-0	185	23	3	40	Laird, B.	CB-S	6-0	185	23	3
63	Barnes, M.	DE	6-6	255	22	2	49	Lee, D.	P	6-4	230	29	9	49	Lee, D.	P	6-4	230	29	9	49	Lee, D.	P	6-4	230	29	9
59	Cherry, S.	LB	6-5	200	23	2	23	McCauley, D.	RB	6-1	214	23	4	23	McCauley, D.	RB	6-1	214	23	4	23	McCauley, D.	RB	6-1	214	23	4
87	Chester, R.	TE	6-4	235	25	5	57	Mendenhall, K.	C	6-3	235	25	4	57	Mendenhall, K.	C	6-3	235	25	4	57	Mendenhall, K.	C	6-3	235	25	4
66	Collett, E.	G	6-4	240	28	8	26	Mitchell, L.	RB	5-11	204	24	3	26	Mitchell, L.	RB	5-11	204	24	3	26	Mitchell, L.	RB	5-11	204	24	3
32	Curtis, M.	LB	6-2	232	29	10	84	Mitchell, T.	WR	6-3	215	29	8	84	Mitchell, T.	WR	6-3	215	29	8	84	Mitchell, T.	WR	6-3	215	29	8
14	Domres, M.	QB	6-4	222	26	6	31	Munsey, N.	CB	6-1	185	25	3	31	Munsey, N.	CB	6-1	185	25	3	31	Munsey, N.	CB	6-1	185	25	3
35	Doughty, G.	WR	6-2	204	22	3	50	Neal, D.	C	6-4	240	22	2	50	Neal, D.	C	6-4	240	22	2	50	Neal, D.	C	6-4	240	22	2
74	Drougas, T.	T	6-4	257	23	3	68	Nelson, D.	T	6-5	260	27	5	68	Nelson, D.	T	6-5	260	27	5	68	Nelson, D.	T	6-5	260	27	5
76	Ehrmann, J.	DT	6-5	260	23	2	25	Oldham, R.	S	6-0	200	22	2	25	Oldham, R.	S	6-0	200	22	2	25	Oldham, R.	S	6-0	200	22	2
27	Ginn, H.	RB	5-10	185	26	5	38	Olds, B.	RB	6-1	224	22	2	38	Olds, B.	RB	6-1	224	22	2	38	Olds, B.	RB	6-1	224	22	2
17	Havrilak, S.	WR	6-2	195	25	6	62	Ressler, G.	G	6-3	250	30	10	62	Ressler, G.	G	6-3	250	30	10	62	Ressler, G.	G	6-3	250	30	10
29	Herosian, B.	S	6-3	200	23	2	75	Schmiesing	DT-DE	6-4	245	28	7	75	Schmiesing	DT-DE	6-4	245	28	7	75	Schmiesing	DT-DE	6-4	245	28	7
83	Hendricks, T.	LB	6-7	220	25	6	80	Smith, O.	WR	6-2	195	23	2	80	Smith, O.	WR	6-2	195	23	2	80	Smith, O.	WR	6-2	195	23	2
*85	Hilton, R.	DE	6-6	240	30	10	28	Speyrer, C.	WR	6-0	175	24	3	28	Speyrer, C.	WR	6-0	175	24	3	28	Speyrer, C.	WR	6-0	175	24	3
54	Hoaglin, F.	C	6-4	250	29	9	64	Taylor, D.	T	6-4	254	23	2	64	Taylor, D.	T	6-4	254	23	2	64	Taylor, D.	T	6-4	254	23	2
10	Hunt, G.	K	6-1	215	23	2	21	Volk, R.	S	6-3	195	28	8	21	Volk, R.	S	6-3	195	28	8	21	Volk, R.	S	6-3	195	28	8
7	Jones, B.	QB	6-3	205	22	2	53	White, S.	LB	6-1	225	23	3	53	White, S.	LB	6-1	225	23	3	53	White, S.	LB	6-1	225	23	3

*Traded to New York Giants

Baltimore Schedule

September 15	.....at Pittsburgh	1:00 p.m.
September 22	.....GREEN BAY	2:00 p.m.
September 29	.....at Philadelphia	1:00 p.m.
October 6	.....at New England	1:00 p.m.
October 13	.....BUFFALO	2:00 p.m.
October 20	.....at New York Jets	1:00 p.m.
October 27	.....at Miami	1:00 p.m.
November 3	.....CINCINNATI	2:00 p.m.
November 10	.....DENVER	2:00 p.m.
November 17	.....at Atlanta	1:00 p.m.
November 24	.....NEW ENGLAND	2:00 p.m.
December 1	.....at Buffalo	1:00 p.m.
December 8	.....MIAMI	2:00 p.m.
December 15	.....NEW YORK JETS	2:00 p.m.

Baltimore Key Players



RAY CHESTER, TE, 6-4, 235, 5th yr., age 25, MORGAN STATE
Colts obtained Chester from Raiders for Bubba Smith in most talked about trade of 1973. However Colts already had a fine TE in Tom Mitchell, and Ray could not beat him out. Chester had disappointing season with 18 catches and only one TD—figures that were far below his 3 year Oakland totals of 104 receptions.

MIKE CURTIS, MLB, 6-2, 232, 10th yr., age 32, DUKE

Suffered shoulder separation in fifth week of play and missed half the season. Without Curtis, Colts were 1-6. With him, Baltimore won 3 of 7, including final two in which Colt defense held Miami and New England to a combined total of 18 points.



MARTY DOMRES, QB, 6-4, 222, 6th yr., age 26, COLUMBIA

After having replaced Unitas in 1972, Domres was hard-pressed to hold onto regular QB spot in face of Colts' decision to give full-time status to Bert Jones. Marty responded with another good year, and, is expected to be the number one QB in '74.

GLENN DOUGHTY, WR, 6-2, 204, 3rd yr., age 22, MICHIGAN

Former Wolverine speedster made successful conversion from runner to wide receiver, and led Colts with 26 catches good for 584 yards, 4 TDs and a 22.5 average. His 66 yard catch against Patriots was club's longest '73 reception.



JOE EHLMANN, DT, 6-5, 260, 2nd yr., age 23, SYRACUSE

One of two Colt first round selections a year ago, Ehrmann had fine rookie season despite being handicapped by various leg ailments. Started 12 games at RT spot, and is expected to improve with experience.

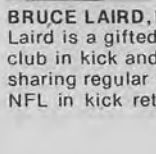
TED HENDRICKS, LB, 6-7, 220, 6th yr., age 25, MIAMI

Regarded by coaches, players and media as one of the finest outside linebackers in football. Despite Pro-Bowl selection honors, Hendricks did not have as good a season in '73 as he did the year before. Dissatisfied with management, Hendricks has asked to be traded.



BERT JONES, QB, 6-3, 205, 2nd yr., age 22, LSU

Second player picked in 1973 draft, Jones was expected to start as a rookie, but was the unwilling victim of 12 interceptions while playing behind a young, inexperienced offensive line. Still has great potential despite 39.8 completion ratio, and could challenge Domres again.



BRUCE LAIRD, DB, 6-0, 185, 3rd yr., age 23, US INTERNATIONAL
Laird is a gifted athlete blessed with sprinter speed. He has led club in kick and punt returns in each of his two seasons, while sharing regular status at both cornerback and strong safety. Led NFL in kick returns as a rookie.





DON McCAULEY, RB, 6-1, 214, 4th yr., age 23, N.C.

McCauley was Colts' top pick in 1971 draft after brilliant college career at North Carolina where he broke long standing rushing records of the legendary "Choo-Choo" Charlie Justice. Has been handicapped by injuries throughout his three seasons as a Colt.

LYDELL MITCHELL, RB, 5-11, 204, 3rd yr., age 34, PENN STATE

Most productive Colt runner in history, Mitchell's 963 yard season broke Alan Ameche's long time club record. Lydell would have gone well over the 1,000 yard mark had it not been for a slow start that saw him carry the ball just four times in first two games.



TOM MITCHELL, TE, WR, 6-3, 215, 8th yr., age 29, BUCKNELL

When Colts obtained Chester, Mitchell demanded to be traded. However, that was one deal that Joe Thomas was happy not to make. Despite his unhappiness at being switched to WR, Mitchell eventually beat off Chester's challenge.

RICK VOLK, DB, 6-3, 195, 8th yr., age 28, MICHIGAN

An eight year veteran, Volk is the oldest member of the Colt secondary and his presence helped the development of the younger defenders. Colts' second round pick in the 1967 draft, Volk has a lifetime total of 29 interceptions.



STAN WHITE, LB, 6-1, 225, 3rd yr., OHIO STATE

A 17th round pick in 1972, White has made the most out of his opportunities. After a series of injuries knocked out both Ray May and Mike Curtis, White played both outside and MLB. Stan led the club with 104 solo tackles.

Howard Schnellenberger *Head Coach*

Named head coach of the Baltimore Colts in 1973 after three years as Don Shula's head offensive coach with the Miami Dolphins. Schnellenberger had spent the previous four years under George Allen at Los Angeles. Following a prep career at Louisville Flaget High School, he became an All-American end at the University of Kentucky under head coach Blanton Collier. He played for Hamilton of the Canadian Football League in 1956, served a year in the Army, then played the 1958 season for the British Columbia Lions in Canada. Schnellenberger began his coaching career on the Kentucky staff in 1961 under Blanton Collier. He joined Bear Bryant at Alabama and helped coach National Championship teams in 1964 and 1965. He accepted a position in Los Angeles in 1966 and remained with the Rams until he joined Shula in 1970. Schnellenberger and his wife, Beverlee Ann, have three sons—Stephen, Stuart and Tim.



Baltimore 1973 Club Leaders

RUSHING Att. Yds. Avg. Long TDs

Mitchell	253	963	3.8	36	2
McCauley	144	514	3.6	24	2
Nottingham	28	118	4.2	20	1
Domres	32	126	3.9	14	2
Olds	26	100	3.8	17	0
Jones	18	58	3.2	17	0
Ginn	16	47	2.9	8	0

PASSING Att. Comp. Pct Yds. TDs Int

Domres	191	93	48.7	1153	9	13
Jones	108	43	39.8	539	4	12

PASS REC. No. Yds. Avg. Long TDs

Doughty	26	584	22.5	66	4
Mitchell, T.	25	313	12.5	33	4
McCauley	25	186	7.4	34	0
Chester	18	181	10.1	40	1
Speyrer	17	311	18.3	47	4
Mitchell, H.	17	113	6.6	14	0

INTERCEPTIONS

No. Yds. Long TDs
White 4 40 22 1

Hendricks	3	33	24	0
Kern	2	22	22	0
Oldham	2	10	7	0
Curtis	2	9	9	0

KICKOFF RET. No. Yds. Avg. Long TDs

Laird	24	547	22.8	51	0
Speyrer	17	496	29.1	101	1
Ginn	9	198	22.0	29	0

PUNT RET. No. Yds. Avg. Long TDs

Laird	15	72	4.8	13	0
Volk	7	45	6.4	13	0
Kern	2	12	6.0	9	0

PUNTING No. Yds. Avg. Long BLK

Lee	62	2398	38.7	58	2
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SCORING TDR TDP TDs PAT FG Pts.

Hunt	0	0	0	22	16	70
Speyrer	0	4	5	0	0	30
Doughty	0	4	0	0	0	24
Mitchell, T.	0	4	0	0	0	24

Baltimore All-Time Club Leaders

RUSHING

Lenny Moore, with 1,069 carries for 5,176 yards	(1956-'67)
Alan Ameche, with 964 carries for 4,045 yards	(1955-'60)

PASSING

Johnny Unitas with 2,796 completions in 5,110 attempts for 39,766 yards and 287 TDs	(1956-'72)
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PASS RECEIVING

*Raymond Berry, with 630 receptions for 9,275 yards and 68 TDs	(1955-'67)
Lenny Moore, with 363 receptions for 6,039 yards and 50 TDs	(1956-'67)

INTERCEPTIONS

Bobby Boyd, with 57	(1960-'68)
Don Shinnick, with 37	(1957-'68)

SCORING

Lenny Moore, with 678 points	(1956-'67)
Lou Michaels, with 586 points	(1964-'69)

*NFL all-time leader

BUFFALO BILLS



Neither snow nor rain nor sleet could stop O. J. Simpson (32) in 1973.

Almost hidden in the glare surrounding O. J. Simpson's mammoth production number that saw him rush for 2,003 yards in 1973 was the fact that Buffalo has become a legitimate contender for the AFC post-season playoffs.

That's what the 1974 season will be all about. Last year it was a run for the record, and a shot at the playoffs. This time it's a team trip all the way. O. J. and

his blockers, and even more importantly, his teammates on defense, sense that they have a shot at going all the way.

At first glance, the Bills' 1974 schedule seems to list too many obstacles to the hoped-for team trip to New Orleans and Super Bowl IX. In addition to decisive matches with the Dolphins, there will be clashes with the Raiders, Green Bay and the Rams.

Most knowledgeable NFL observers are saying that the Bills will be hard pressed to match last year's achievements, both collectively and individually as far as O.J.'s on-the-ground performances. In order for the Bills to make the playoffs, they will have to open up their passing attack more, and strengthen their defense.

With Dennis Shaw exiled to St. Louis in exchange for Ahmad Rashad, and with the addition of Oklahoma's Reuben Gannett at TE to go along with the mercurial ability of J. D. Hill and the talent of Bob Chandler, the Buffalo passing attack will be much improved. Then, too, Saban is expected to take the passing wraps off the arm of his young QB, Joe Ferguson.

Defensively, the Bills have helped themselves with the selection of Penn State's Doug Allen to play linebacker but there is still a need for improvement in the secondary.

Buffalo Bills Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Pro		No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Pro	
					Age	Yr						Age	Yr
60	Adams, B.	G	6-2	254	24	2	46	Jones, Steve	RB	6-0	200	23	2
34	Braxton, J.	RB	6-1	243	24	4	71	Kadish, M.	DT	6-5	265	24	2
22	Cahill, B.	S	5-11	180	23	2	70	Kampa, B.	DT	6-4	252	23	2
81	Chandler, B.	WR	6-0	179	25	4	24	Kellerman, E.	S	6-0	183	30	9
50	Cheyunski, J.	LB	6-1	225	28	7	37	Koy, T.	TE	6-2	212	26	5
30	Cornell, B.	RB	6-2	215	25	4	52	Krakau, M.	LB	6-1	242	23	2
72	Croft, D.	DT	6-3	254	25	2	3	Leypoldt, J.	K	6-2	229	28	4
54	Croyle, P.	Lb	6-2	223	27	4	65	Lewis, R.	LB	6-3	220	24	3
68	DeLamielleure	G	6-3	254	23	2	67	McKenzie, R.	G	6-4	235	24	3
73	Edwards, E.	DE	6-6	262	28	6	53	Montler, M.	C-T	6-5	254	29	6
12	Ferguson, J.	QB	6-1	180	24	2	79	Okoniewski, S.	DT	6-3	247	25	3
78	Foley, D.	T	6-5	261	26	5	61	Parker, W.	C-G	6-3	241	24	3
57	Forsberg, F.	LB	6-1	225	30	6	*77	Patton, J.	DT	6-3	265	28	4
89	Francis, W.	WR	5-11	190	22	2	85	Patulski, W.	DE	6-6	259	24	3
74	Green, D.	T	6-8	272	26	4	69	Penchion, R.	G	6-5	265	25	3
43	Greene, T.	CB	5-10	170	25	4		Rashad, A.	WR	6-2	200	25	3
88	Hagen, H.	DE	6-5	245	27	6	87	Seymour, P.	TE	6-5	252	24	2
28	Harrison, D.	CB	6-2	178	25	4	32	Simpson, O. J.	RB	6-1	212	27	6
10	Hart, L.	QB	6-4	213	25	3	55	Skorupan, J.	LB	6-2	214	23	2
40	Hill, J. D.	WR	6-1	202	25	4	36	VanValkenberg	RB	6-2	192	24	2
20	James, R.	CB	6-1	184	27	6	26	Walker, D.	CB	6-2	180	23	2
51	Jarvis, B.	C	6-7	250	25	4	38	Watkins, L.	RB	6-2	230	28	6
80	Jarvis, R.	WR	5-11	193	25	4	75	Winans, J.	DT	6-5	265	22	2
11	Jones, S.	P	6-2	197	27	5							

*Traded to Philadelphia

Buffalo Schedule

September 16	OAKLAND (Mon.)	9:00 p.m.
September 22	MIAMI	1:00 p.m.
September 29	NEW YORK JETS	1:00 p.m.
October 6	at Green Bay	1:00 p.m.
October 13	at Baltimore	2:00 p.m.
October 20	NEW ENGLAND	1:00 p.m.
October 27	CHICAGO	1:00 p.m.
November 3	at New England	1:00 p.m.
November 10	HOUSTON	1:00 p.m.
November 17	at Miami	1:00 p.m.
November 24	at Cleveland	1:00 p.m.
December 1	BALTIMORE	1:00 p.m.
December 8	at New York Jets	1:00 p.m.
December 15	at Los Angeles	1:00 p.m.

Buffalo Key Players



JIM BRAXTON, RB, 6-1, 243, 4th yr., age 24, WEST VIRGINIA

Style complements that of O. J. extremely well. Excellent blocker who utilizes great size to advantage. Sidelined for first nine weeks of play by back problems, Braxton came on strong to finish with 411 yds., on 98 carries for 3.8 avg. and 2 scores.

BOB CHANDLER, WR, 6-0, 179, 4th yr., age 25, USC

Led club in receiving with 30 catches and 14.2 average for 3 TDs. Faces strong challenge for regular spot from newly acquired Rashad. Has great speed, but lack of real good pro size makes him pay high physical price for every catch.



JOE DELAMIELLEURE, G, 6-3, 254, 2nd yr., age 23, MICH. ST.

First of two number one picks available to Bills in 1972. Quick, strong, lineman who was regarded as excellent pro material. Pre-camp physical showed Joe to have heart murmur and Bills did not expect him to play. However, second physical gave him medical O.K., and Joe 'D' proved scouts right and doctors wrong.

EARL EDWARDS, DE, 6-6, 262, 6th yr., age 28, WICHITA

Most important defensive acquisition Saban has made since returning to Buffalo. Shifted to DE and developed into top pass rusher. Best game came against Jets in Buffalo when he sacked Al Woodall five times. 49ers' fifth round selection in 1969, Edwards played with Edmonton of CFL in '67 & '68.



JOE FERGUSON, QB, 6-1, 180, age 24, ARKANSAS

Bills' third round pick in '73, Ferguson beat out the since traded Dennis Shaw for regular QB spot. Saban's designs called for Buffalo to run, and Ferguson did not throw the ball all that much. Joe has fine arm and is better than '73 record indicates.

DONNIE GREEN, T, 6-8, 272, 4th yr., age 26, PURDUE

Fifth round choice in '71 draft, Green has been starter at right tackle for all three seasons he's been with club. Mammoth size makes him one of the biggest offensive tackles in the game. Good speed and excellent mobility allow him to pull effectively on sweeps.



DWIGHT HARRISON, CB, 6-2, 178, 4th yr., age 25, TEXAS A & I

Obtained by Bills in mid-72 trade for Haven Moses. Was regular WR for Broncos. Shifted to cornerback in '73 and led Bills in interceptions with five for 117 yards and a TD.

J. D. HILL, WR, 6-1, 202, 4th yr., age 25, ARIZONA STATE

J. D. is Bills' top deep threat at wide receiver. Has run a 4.5 forty. Good hands, great speed make him tough to cover. Has 92 career receptions, 1392 yards, and 7 scores. Was Bills' number one pick in 1971.





ROBERT JAMES, DB, 6-1, 184, 6th yr., age 27, FISK

Can no longer be considered as most underrated CB in pro football. James has made AFC Pro Bowl unit in each of the past two seasons. Most teams avoid his side of the field so he has only six career pass thefts. Signed as a free agent in 1969.



REGGIE MCKENZIE, G, 6-4, 237, 3rd yr., age 24, MICHIGAN

O. J.'s Main Man, and personal escort on Bills' power sweep. McKenzie is spirit of Bills' offensive line. Smallish size (at 237, Red is lightest Bill lineman) is offset by outstanding speed and quickness. Ranks with Larry Little as top pulling guard in AFC.



WALT PATULSKI, DE, 6-6, 259, 3rd yr., age 24, NOTRE DAME

First college player selected in 1972 draft, Patulski has been kind of a disappointment in his first two seasons. Plagued by minor leg injuries, Patulski still managed to play in every game. Lost starting job for three game period but came back strong.



AHMAD RASHAD, WR, 6-2, 200, 3rd yr., age 25, OREGON

In NFL's only major off-season trade, Rashad comes to Buffalo in exchange for Dennis Shaw. Rashad (Bobby Moore) was Cardinals' number one pick in 1972 draft. Former All-American runner at Oregon, who has been wide receiver in pros. Rashad has two-year total of 59 catches, 909 yards and 6 TDs.



O. J. SIMPSON, RB, 6-1, 212, 6th yr., age 27, USC

Obviously, O. J. has fulfilled the collegiate promise that earned him the 1968 Heisman Trophy. 1973 was Some Kind of Trip—332 carries—2,003 yards—6.0 average per carry—and, 12 touchdowns. The Juice alone had more rushing yardage than 15 of the other 25 NFL clubs.

Lou Saban
Head Coach



This is the 14th season for Saban as head pro coach. Led Bills to AFL titles in 1964 and 1965, after a playing career with Cleveland Browns in the All-American Conference. Head coach of Boston in 1960 and part of 1961, was with Buffalo from 1962 through 1965, and was general manager and head coach of Denver Broncos from 1967 to 1971. Played linebacker for Browns from 1946-49, served as defensive captain of four-time AFC champions. Single wing quarterback at Indiana in 1941 and 1942; team captain and MVP as a senior. During World War II, was commissioned a first lieutenant in the OSS. Saw duty in the China-Burma theater and became fluent in Chinese (Mandarin dialect). Head coach at Case Institute (1950-52), assistant at Washington (1953), assistant at Northwestern (1954), head coach at Western Illinois (1958-59) and head coach at Maryland (1966).

Buffalo 1973 Club Leaders

RUSHING	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Simpson	332	2003	6.0	80	12
Braxton	108	494	4.6	36	4
Watkins	98	411	3.8	19	2
Ferguson	48	147	3.1	24	2

Cheyunski	3	31	10.3	31	0
Kellerman	2	23	11.5	19	0

KICKOFF RET.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Francis	23	687	29.9	101	2
Jones	6	116	19.3	22	0
Jarvis	5	84	16.8	25	0

PASSING	Att	Comp	Pct	Yds.	TDs	Int
Ferguson	164	73	44.5	939	4	10
Shaw	46	22	47.8	300	0	4

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long
Jones	66	2660	40.3	62

PASS REC.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Chandler	30	427	14.2	37	3
J. D. Hill	29	422	14.6	42	0
Watkins	12	86	7.2	28	1
Seymour	10	114	11.4	22	0
Braxton	6	101	16.8	37	0
Simpson	6	70	11.7	24	0

PUNT RET.	N.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Walker	25	210	8.4	23	0
Cahill	4	73	18.3	51	1

SCORING	TDR	TDP	TDs	PAT	FG	Pts
Leypoldt	0	0	0	27	21	90
Simpson	12	0	12	0	0	72
Braxton	4	0	4	0	0	24
Chandler	0	3	3	1	0	19
Watkins	2	1	3	0	0	18
Ferguson	2	0	2	0	0	12

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Harrison	5	117	23.4	38	1

Buffalo All-Time Club Leaders

RUSHING

O. J. Simpson, with 1,108 carries for 5,181 yards and 30 TDs	(1969-'73)
Wray Carlton, with 819 carries for 3,368 yards and 22 TDs	(1960-'67)

PASSING

Jack Kemp, with 1,040 completions in 2,238 attempts for 15,138 yards and 97 TDs	(1962-69)
Dennis Shaw, with 485 completions in 916 attempts for 6,286 yards and 35 TDs	(1970-'73)

PASS RECEIVING

Elbert Dubenion, with 294 receptions, 5,294 yards, 35 TDs	(1960-'67)
Glenn Bass, with 162 receptions, 2,789 yards, 17 TDs	(1961-'66)

INTERCEPTIONS

George (Butch) Byrd, with 40	(1964-'71)
Booker Edgersen, with 23	(1962-'66)

SCORING

Cookie Gilchrist, with 248 points	(1962-'64)
Elbert Dubenion, with 234 points	(1960-'67)
Pete Gogolak, with 217 points	(1964-'65)

CINCINNATI BENGALS

Paul Brown is steadily, albeit quietly, building a very tough team, much in the image of the old Browns. The Bengals were the most improved team in the American Football Conference a year ago, and while some may have regarded their winning of the AFC Central crown as a fluke, opposing coaches surely realize that Brown's Baby Bengals have matured into one of the toughest teams in the game.

Brown has developed an excellent rushing game, but even he would be the first to admit that the Bengals were an exceedingly lucky bunch of cats when they were able to replace a runner of the caliber of Doug Dressler (who suffered a pre-season knee injury) with the likes of an unheralded rookie such as Boobie Clark. In Clark, the Bengals were fortunate enough to have the AFC's top offensive rookie. The little-known 12th-round choice from Bethune Cookman teamed up with Essex Johnson to give the Bengals the most productive tandem in the game. Johnson attacked opposing defenses on sweeps and cut backs for 997 yards while Clark battered his way to a total of 988.

The Bengals passing game also was much improved. With the accurate Ken Anderson, the Bengals wound up the season as the top-ranked passing club in



Second-year man Isaac Curtis (85) is Bengals' top long-range threat.

the AFC. Anderson's leading receiver was another outstanding rookie, Isaac Curtis, the team's first-round selection from San Diego State. Utilizing his amazing gifts of speed, size and an uncanny ability to come up with the clutch catch, Curtis finished the season with 45 grabs and 9 TDs.

Defensively, the Bengals figure to be even more improved this season. Mike Reid and Sherman White will be joined by Montana State's premier defensive lineman, Bill Kollar.

Cincinnati Veteran Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Pro		No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Pro	
					Age	Yr						Age	Yr.
52	Adams, D.	LB	6-1	222	24	4	76	Holland, V.	T	6-6	268	26	4
14	Anderson, K.	QB	6-2	211	25	4	23	Jackson, B.	CB	6-0	173	24	3
51	Avery, K.	LB	6-1	227	30	8	54	Johnson, B.	C	6-5	262	27	7
58	Beauchamp, A.	LB	6-2	237	30	7	19	Johnson, E.	RB	5-9	201	27	7
66	Bergey, B.	LB	6-2	243	29	6	80	Johnson, K.	DE	6-6	265	27	4
82	Berry, R.	DE	6-4	250	28	6	18	Joiner, Ch.	WR	5-11	188	26	6
29	Blackwood, L.	S	6-0	189	23	2	32	Jones, B.	S	6-1	194	23	2
70	Carpenter, R.	DT	6-4	261	26	5	56	Kearney, T.	LB	6-2	227	24	3
37	Casanova, T.	S	6-2	202	24	3	55	Leclair, J.	LB	6-2	226	24	3
81	Chandler, A.	TE	6-2	233	23	2	15	Lewis, D.	P	6-2	225	29	5
79	Chomyszak, S.	DT	6-6	265	30	8	73	Matson, P.	G	6-1	245	30	9
35	Clark, C.	RB	6-2	245	23	2	71	Mayes, R.	T	6-5	260	25	6
	Clark, W.	QB	6-3	203	27	4	16	Muhlmann, H.	K	6-2	219	34	6
12	Cook, G.	QB	6-4	215	27	3	25	Myers, C.	WR	6-6	210	29	7
88	Coslet, V.	TE	6-3	227	27	6	20	Parrish, L.	CB	5-11	185	26	5
34	Craig, N.	S	6-1	191	26	4	60	Pritchard, R.	LB	6-1	235	27	6
85	Curtis, I.	WR	6-1	193	23	2	74	Reid, M.	DT	6-3	255	25	5
50	Deleone, T.	C	6-2	252	24	3	13	Riley, K.	CB	5-11	181	26	6
44	Dressler, D.	RB	6-3	228	26	4	64	Shinners, J.	G	6-3	255	27	6
36	Elliott, L.	RB	6-0	200	23	2	78	Thomas, L.	DE	6-5	240	28	4
17	Ernst, M.	QB	6-1	190	24	3	84	Trumpy, B.	TE	6-6	228	28	7
72	Fest, H.	T	6-6	262	28	7	75	Walters, S.	T	6-6	270	25	3
89	George, T.	WR	6-5	225	22	2	83	White, S.	DE	6-5	255	25	3
41	Green, D.	P	5-11	200	24	2	46	Wilson, J.	RB	5-10	210	23	2

Cincinnati Schedule

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September 22	SAN DIEGO	1:00 p.m.
September 29	at San Francisco	1:00 p.m.
October 6	WASHINGTON	1:00 p.m.
October 13	at Cleveland	1:00 p.m.
October 20	at Oakland	1:00 p.m.
October 27	HOUSTON	1:00 p.m.
November 3	at Baltimore	2:00 p.m.
November 10	PITTSBURGH	4:00 p.m.
November 17	at Houston	1:00 p.m.
November 24	KANSAS CITY	1:00 p.m.
December 2	at Miami (Mon.)	9:00 p.m.
December 8	DETROIT	1:00 p.m.
December 14	at Pittsburgh (Sat.)	1:00 p.m.

Cincinnati Key Players



KEN ANDERSON, QB, 6-2, 211, 4th yr., age 25, AUGUSTANA

Anderson is one of the most accurate passers in the NFL. Ken finished third in the AFC statistical rankings on the strength of a performance that saw him complete 54.7 percent of his 329 attempts for 2,428 yards, 18 TDs and just 12 interceptions. Little known college player.

AL BEAUCHAMP, LB, 6-2, 237, 8th yr., age 30, SOUTHERN

Now in his sixth year as the Bengals' regular weakside linebacker, Beauchamp is noted for his ability to make open field tackles. Also good rover man on passing situations. His three thefts in '73 give him career total of 14, one of which he returned for a TD in his rookie season.



BILL BERGEY, MLB, 6-3 243, 5th yr., ARKANSAS STATE

Rugged, hard-hitting MLB and Paul Brown has gone to court to keep him. Bergey has signed a 1975 WFL Contract with the Virginia Ambassadors, and may play out his option with the Bengals this year. Has recovered completely from nagging knee problems of past two seasons and is key to Bengal defense.

TOMMY CASANOVA, DB, 6-2, 202, 3rd yr., age 23, LSU

All-around performer for Tigers in college, Casanova was Bengals' second round choice two seasons ago and repounded by becoming one of the top free safeties in the NFL. Voted the AFC's Rookie of the Year defender in 1972, Casanova had an even better season last year. Tommy has 9.7 speed for 100.



CHARLES CLARK, RB, 6-2, 245, 2nd yr., age 23, BETH. COOK

"Could be big back the Bengals are looking for." Those are the kind of publicity statements every club makes. This time it had more than a ring of truth to it. Boobie Clark exploded on the NFL scene finishing with 988 yards rushing on 254 attempts as well as 45 pass receptions.

NEAL CRAIG, DB, 6-1, 191, 4th yr., age 26, FISK

Neal Craig typifies Paul Brown's kind of football player. Intelligent, physical type committed to winning. Hard tackler, plays zone coverage better than most. Has been regular strong safety for past three seasons. College teammate of Buffalo's Robert James and Bengals seventh round pick in 1971.



ISAAC CURTIS, WR, 6-1, 193, 2nd yr., age 23, SAN DIEGO STATE

Possessed of sprinter speed and great hands, Curtis was quick to put all his superlative receiving talents to work. Led club and was fifth in AFC receptions with 45 catches for 843 yards and nine TDs. Best single game came in crucial late-season win over divisional rival Browns when he scored three times.

VERNON HOLLAND, T, 6-6, 268, 4th yr., age 26, TENN STATE

Mid-way point of his rookie season saw Holland play his way into regular lineup at right tackle. Vern was Bengals' top pick in 1971 college lottery. Rapid development has aided Bengal rushing attack. One of several number one choices in past seasons who have graduated from Tenn. State.





BOB JOHNSON, C, 6-5, 262, 7th yr., age 27, TENN.

Johnson was initial pick of Bengals in expansion year and first player chosen in 1968 draft. AFC All-star team member in 1972. Good run blocker who likes to stick those middle linebackers. Intelligent lineman, and has been offensive captain of team since start of Bengal franchise.

ESSEX JOHNSON, RB, 5-9, 201, 7th yr., age 27, GRAMBLING

After spending first couple of seasons on the bench and playing in the shadow of both Paul Robinson and Jess Phillips, Johnson has developed into Bengals' leading rusher in past two seasons. Paul Brown terms Essex as having "the finest balance of any football player I've ever coached."



MIKE REID, DT, 6-3, 255, 5th yr., age 26, PENN STATE

Could be quickest defensive tackle in pro ball. Played most of last season with nagging back injury, and missed one game. Team leader, on and off the field. Bengals selected Reid number one in 1970 after his All-American performances at Penn State had earned Mike the Outland Trophy.

BOB TRUMPY, TE, WR, 6-6, 226, 7th yr., age 28, UTAH

Has now scored 24 TDs in six seasons. Trumpy has played both TE and WR, and after being shifted back to TE last season, Bob caught 29 passes and went over the 500 plus yard mark for the fifth time in the past six years. Faster than most big men, the 6-6 Trumpy runs precise patterns and is blessed with good hands.



SHERMAN WHITE, DE, 6-5, 255, 3rd yr., age 25, CALIFORNIA

Another Bengal first round pick who earned regular status almost immediately in his rookie season. White, chosen on the opening round of the 1972 draft, gives the Bengals their best outside pass rush ever, and continued to improve in his second season of play. Bengals rate him as one of quickest defensive ends in game.

Paul Brown *Head Coach*



A member of Professional Football Hall of Fame, Brown returned to professional coaching in 1968 following a five-year interval which had begun when he ended his connection with the Cleveland Browns. Began pro coaching career in 1946 in All-America Conference and won league championship four straight years, continuing as a league champion in 1950 when the Browns moved into the National Football League. In 14 NFL seasons, won seven divisional titles and three league championships while compiling a 123-45-5 won-lost record. Lifetime mark in pros, three leagues, 195-94-9. Developed such players as Otto Graham and Jimmy Brown. Now in his 39th year of coaching. Began with Massillon High School in Ohio in 1932, remaining until 1940 and compiling 80-8-2 record. At Ohio State from 1941 through 1943 and had 18-8-1 record and then moved on to Great Lakes Naval Station, where a 15-5-2 record was put together in 1944 and 1945.

Cincinnati 1973 Club Leaders

RUSHING Att. Yds. Avg. Long TDs

E. Johnson	195	997	5.1	46	4
Clark	254	988	3.9	26	8
Elliott	22	122	5.5	15	1
Anderson	26	96	3.7	17	0
Wilson	10	39	3.9	11	0

PASSING Att. Comp Pct Yds. TDs Int

Anderson	329	179	54.7	2428	18	12
Cook	3	1	33.3	11	0	0

PASS REC. No. Yds. Avg. Long TDs

Curtis	45	843	18.7	77	9
Clark	45	347	7.7	39	0
Trumpy	29	465	15.0	53	5
E. Johnson	28	356	12.7	78	3
Joiner	13	214	16.5	26	0
Coslet	9	123	13.7	16	0
Myers	7	77	11.0	18	0
George	2	28	14.0	19	0

INTERCEPTIONS

Casanova	4	33	8.1	16	0
Bergey	3	50	16.6	22	0
Beauchamp	3	4	1.3	4	0

Craig	2	52	26.0	30	0
Parrish	2	10	5.0	10	0
Riley	2	3	1.5	0	0

KICKOFF RET. No. Yds. Avg. Long TDs

Jackson	22	547	24.8	41	0
Wilson	8	173	21.6	23	0
Parrish	7	143	20.1	29	0

PUNT RET. No. Yds. Avg. Long TDs

Parrish	25	200	8.0	47	0
Casanova	15	119	7.9	27	0
Blackwood	4	112	3.0	4	0

PUNTING No. Yds. Avg. Long BLK

Lewis	68	2790	41.0	60	0
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SCORING TDR TDP TDs XP FG Pts.

Muhlmann	0	0	0	31	21	94
Curtis	0	9	0	0	0	54
Clark	8	0	0	0	0	48
E. Johnson	4	3	0	0	0	42
Trumpy	0	5	0	0	0	30
Elliott	1	1	0	0	0	12
Parrish	0	0	1	0	0	6

Cincinnati All-Time Club Leaders

RUSHING

Essex Johnson, with 2,849 yards on 598 carries and 17 TDs	(1967-'73)
Paul Robinson, with 2,441 yards on 617 carries and 17 TDs	(1968-'72)

PASSING

Ken Anderson, with 422 completions in 761 attempts for 5,123 yards and 30 TDs	(1971-'73)
Virgil Carter, with 328 completions in 582 attempts, for 3,850 yards and 22 TDs	(1970-'73)

PASS RECEIVING

Bob Trumpy, with 216 receptions for 3,400 yards, 22 TDs	(1968-'73)
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INTERCEPTIONS

Lemar Parrish, with 19	(1970-'73)
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SCORING

Horst Muhlmann with 484 points	(1969-'73)
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CLEVELAND BROWNS



DT Jerry Sherk (72) anchors a rugged defensive front four for Cleveland.

Throughout the past several seasons the Cleveland Browns have been one of the most consistent teams in all of pro football. Accordingly, last season's 7-5-2 record had to be very disappointing to Nick Skorich and his coaching staff. Yet, there are many people around the NFL scene who are quick to point out that Skorich has done a masterful job the past two seasons in just keeping the Browns above the .500 level.

Cleveland does not have the

powerful offense that one usually associates with a Brown team. The running game dropped off to 13th place in the NFL stats. Leroy Kelly and Bo Scott, who between them had a total of nearly 1,400 yards rushing in 1972, could only manage some 456 yards last year. Ken Brown was the club's leading rusher with 537 yards.

Perhaps the biggest disappointment of the season was the Browns' lack of consistency in a passing attack led by Mike Phipps. The former Purdue All-American seemed on the threshold of stardom at the end of the 1972 season, but was interception prone a year ago. The Browns' receivers were below average and only Frank Pitts did the kind of work that wins championships. Steve Holden, the team's No. 1 pick from Arizona State, was the biggest disappointment of all, and did not contribute a single catch to the Browns' offensive attack.

Defensively, the Browns are still very much a competitive football team. In Walter Johnson and Jerry Sherk, they have the best pair of tackles in the league. Their linebacking problems of two seasons ago were solved through the acquisition of MLB Bob Babich from the Chargers, and their secondary was also vastly improved. Clarence Scott is a potential all-pro cornerback.

Cleveland Veteran Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Pro		No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Pro	
					Age	Yr						Age	Yr
82	Aldridge, A.	DE	6-6	245	29	3	80	Jones, J.	DE	6-6	250	26	4
52	Andrews, B.	LB	6-1	220	29	8	44	Kelly, L.	RB	6-0	202	32	11
60	Babich, B.	LB	6-2	231	27	5	26	Lefear, B.	RB	5-11	197	24	3
74	Barisich, C.	DT	6-4	255	23	2	53	Long, M.	LB	6-1	228	27	3
84	Briggs, B.	De	6-4	258	29	7	78	McKay, B.	T	6-5	260	26	5
23	Brooks, C.	CB	6-1	190	25	3	37	McKinnis, H.	RB	6-1	215	26	2
30	Brown, K.	RB	5-10	203	28	5	89	Morin, M.	TE	6-4	236	31	9
12	Cockroft, D.	K	6-1	195	29	7	62	Morris, C.	T	6-3	250	24	3
64	Copeland, J.	C-G	6-2	243	29	8	68	Pena, B.	G	6-2	250	25	2
27	Darden, T.	CB	6-2	195	24	3	11	Phipps, M.	QB	6-3	205	26	5
61	DeMarco, B.	C	6-2	248	35	14	25	Pitts, F.	WR	6-2	195	30	10
65	Demarie, J.	G	6-3	246	29	8	34	Pruitt, G.	RB	5-10	190	23	2
73	Dieken, D.	T	6-6	254	25	4	42	Richardson, G.	WR	6-2	200	32	8
50	Garlington, J.	LB	6-1	218	28	7	81	Roman, N.	DE	6-3	244	26	5
83	Glass, C.	TE	6-4	235	27	6	56	Romaniszyn, J.	LB	6-2	224	22	2
21	Green, V.	S	6-1	192	23	2	22	Scott, C.	CB	6-0	180	25	4
59	Hall, C.	LB	6-4	225	25	4	35	Scott, B.	RB	6-3	215	31	6
88	Holden, S.	WR	6-1	198	23	2	72	Sherk, J.	DT	6-5	255	26	5
43	Hooker, F.	WR	6-1	195	27	6	85	Smith, K.	TE	6-4	225	23	2
13	Horn, D.	QB	6-2	195	29	8	20	Stienke, J.	CB	5-11	188	23	2
67	Hutchison, C.	G	6-3	250	25	5	29	Sumner, W.	S	6-1	195	27	6
71	Johnson, W.	DT	6-4	265	31	10							

Cleveland Schedule

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September 22	HOUSTON	1:00 p.m.
September 29	at St. Louis	1:00 p.m.
October 6	OAKLAND	1:00 p.m.
October 13	CINCINNATI	1:00 p.m.
October 20	at Pittsburgh	1:00 p.m.
October 27	DENVER	1:00 p.m.
November 3	at San Diego	1:00 p.m.
November 10	at New England	1:00 p.m.
November 17	PITTSBURGH	1:00 p.m.
November 24	BUFFALO	1:00 p.m.
December 1	SAN FRANCISCO	1:00 p.m.
December 7	at Dallas (Sat.)	3:00 p.m.
December 15	at Houston	1:00 p.m.

Cleveland Key Players



BOB BABICH, MLB, 6-2, 231, 5th yr., age 27, MIAMI OF OHIO
Acquired from the Chargers at the start of training camp in exchange for a number one draft choice, Babich gave the club its best linebacking work in the middle since the days of Vince Costello. Babich was a first round pick of the Chargers in 1969.

KEN BROWN, RB, 5-10, 203, 5th yr., age 28, COLLEGE: NONE
Although he didn't play college ball, Brown has developed into a fine running back, and led the Browns in rushing this past season with 537 yards in 161 attempts for a 3.3 average. Played three years of minor league ball with the Jersey Jays of the Continental League. Also used as return specialist.



DON COCKROFT, K-P, 6-1, 195, 7th yr., age 29, ADAMS STATE
Now in his seventh year in the NFL, Cockroft, one of two dual kickers in the game, moved ahead of former Brown Horace Gillom as the most prolific punter in the club's history. Averaged 40.5 per punt in '73, and his 82 attempts were the most in the AFC.

WALTER JOHNSON, DT, 6-4, 265, 10th yr, age 31, CAL STATE
Truly a fine football player. Johnson has to be the most underrated defensive tackle in the game even though he is a consistent All-Pro performer. Now in his tenth season with the Browns, Walt is still quick enough to harass opposing QBs and is double tough against the run.



JOE JONES, DE, 6-6, 250, 5th yr., age 25, TENN STATE
Another one of those quick, strong pass rushers developed at Tenn State. 'Turkey' Jones was on the way toward becoming a standout defensive end until he suffered a serious knee injury in training camp two seasons ago. His progress back was slow, but the Browns are hopeful of his regaining top form.

LEROY KELLY, RB, 6-0, 202, 11th yr., age 32, MORGAN STATE
It doesn't seem quite possible that this is Kelly's eleventh season in the NFL. It seems like yesterday that he was leading the league in kick-off returns, and was heir apparent to Jim Brown. Second all-time leading Brown runner, Leroy was hurt most of last season and finished with only 389 yards and a 2.9 average on 161 carries.



BOB MCKAY, T, 6-5, 260, 5th yr., age 26, TEXAS
Probably the best Browns have at this position. Bulwark of the offensive line, McKay is an excellent pass blocker and extremely proficient on running plays both to his side and away from him. Was Browns' number one pick in 1970, and had been injury prone. However, Bob has played in every game the past two seasons.

MILT MORIN, TE, 6-4, 236, 9th yr., age 31, MASSACHUSETTS
Still one of the best TEs in the game. Morin had another fine season and finished second in team receiving with 26 catches for 417 yards, a 51 yard TD against the Chiefs, and a gaudy 16.0 average per catch, the highest on the team and among the best of all the other regular performers at TE.





MIKE PHIPPS, QB, 6-3, 205, 5th yr., age 26, PURDUE

Still regarded as one of the best young QB's around despite poor performance in '73. After fine showing at the end of '72 season had helped Browns earn AFC Wild Card Berth, Phipps was plagued by interceptions, and his mark of 20 was the most given up by any starter in the league.

FRANK PITTS, WR, 6-2, 195, 10th yr., age 30, SOUTHERN

Pitts represents one of the Browns' best deals of late. Came to Cleveland in exchange for a fifth round choice from the Chiefs and has caught 94 passes for 1424 yards and 12 TDs in his three year stint with the Browns. Played an important role in Chiefs' upset of Vikings in Super Bowl IV.



GREG PRUITT, RB, 5-10, 190, 2nd yr., age 23, OKLAHOMA

A lot of scouts said the 5-10 Pruitt was too small for NFL ball. Even though Pruitt may be somewhat smaller than his advertised program size, there's no doubt in the mind of the league's defensive players that his quickness and speed are very real indeed.

CLARENCE SCOTT, CB, 6-0, 180, 4th yr., age 25, KAN. ST.

Scott led the team in interceptions with five for 71 yards including a 45 yard TD return against the Colts to key the Browns' opening day win. Former K-State star has developed into top notch NFL cornerback, and is on the verge of earning all-pro honors.



JERRY SHERK, DT, 6-5, 255, 5th yr., age 26, OKLAHOMA STATE

Sherk and Johnson may be the strongest and most consistent pair of defensive tackles in pro football. A former wrestling star in college, Sherk has the strength and quickness necessary to overpower the best guards in the league. Was Browns' second round pick in 1970.

**Nick Skorich
Head Coach**



Joined Cleveland staff as assistant to Blanton Collier in 1964 after serving as head coach of the Philadelphia Eagles from 1961-1963. Coached Cleveland defensive line 1964-67, and Browns' overall offense, 1968-70. Is third head coach in Cleveland history. Considered by many to have turned in one of league's top coaching jobs in 1972, leading team into playoffs after fine 10-4 season, despite numerous crippling injuries. Coaching career started at Pittsburgh Central High School after playing as a guard with Steelers 1946-48. Graduated from U. of Cincinnati where he played varsity 1940-43, followed by three years of service. Head coach at Rensselaer Poly 1953; line coach at Pittsburgh Steelers 1954-57. Offensive coach Green Bay Packers 1958, offensive coach Philadelphia Eagles 1959-60. (Eagles won NFL title in 1960). Born June 26, 1921 at Bellaire, Ohio.

Cleveland 1973 Club Leaders

RUSHING	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
K. Brown	161	537	3.3	17	0
Phipps	60	395	6.6	27	5
Kelly	132	389	2.9	19	3
Pruitt	61	369	6.0	65	4
Lefear	26	135	5.2	43	0
B. Scott	34	79	2.3	20	0
McKinnis	28	77	2.8	12	0

PASSING	Att.	Comp	Pct	Yds.	TDs	Int
Phipps	299	148	48.7	1719	9	20
Horn	8	4	50.0	22	1	0

PASS REC.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Pitts	31	317	10.2	26	4
Morin	26	417	16.0	51	1
K. Brown	22	187	8.5	46	0
Hooker	18	196	10.9	26	2
Kelly	15	180	12.0	36	0
Richardson	12	175	14.6	32	1
Pruitt	9	110	12.2	42	1
Scott	6	23	3.8	9	1
Lefear	5	38	7.6	13	0

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
C. Scott	5	71	14.2	45	1

Davis	2	33	16.5	20	0
Sumner	2	4	2.0	4	0

KICKOFF RET.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Pruitt	16	453	28.3	54	0
Lefear	15	337	22.5	59	0
Holden	8	172	21.5	29	0

PUNT RET.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Pruitt	16	180	11.3	46	0
Darden	9	51	5.7	11	0
Lefear	7	51	7.3	19	0

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	BLK
Cockroft	82	3321	40.5	71	1

SCORING	TDR	TDP	TDs	XP	FG	Pts
Cockroft	0	0	0	24	22	90
Phipps	5	0	5	0	0	30
Pruitt	4	1	5	0	0	30
Pitts	0	4	4	0	0	24
Kelly	3	0	3	0	0	18
Hooker	0	2	2	0	0	12
Green	0	0	1	0	0	6
Morin	0	1	1	0	0	6
Richardson	0	1	1	0	0	6
B. Scott	0	1	1	0	0	6
C. Scott	0	0	1	0	0	6

Cleveland All-Time Club Leaders

RUSHING

*Jimmy Brown, with 2,359 carries for 12,312 yards and 106 TDs	(1957-'65)
Leroy Kelley, with 1,727 carries for 7,274 yards and 74 TDs	(1964-'73)

PASSING

Frank Ryan, with 907 completions in 1,755 attempts for 13,361 yards and 134 TDs	(1962-'68)
Otto Graham, with 872 completions in 1,565 attempts for 13,499 yards and 88 TDs	(1950-'55)

PASS RECEIVING

Gary Collins, with 331 receptions for 5,299 yards, 70 TDs	(1961-'71)
Ray Renfro, with 281 receptions for 5,508 yards, 50 TDs	(1952-'63)

INTERCEPTIONS

Warren Lahr, with 40	(1950-'59)
Ken Konz, with 30	(1953-'59)

SCORING

*Lou Groza, with 1,349 points	(1950-'59, '61-'67)
Jimmy Brown, with 756 points	(1957-'65)

*NFL all-time record

DENVER BRONCOS

Two seasons ago John Ralston, fresh from two consecutive Rose Bowl triumphs with his unheralded Stanford underdogs, crossed the Rockies and settled in Denver. Ralston vowed to improve the less-than-spectacular fortunes of the Broncos, a team that had never even had a winning season.

Part of Ralston's promise called for vital offensive improvements and in the past two seasons, Denver has gone from the defensive era of close, hard-fought defeats to the kind of scoreboard domination that saw the Broncos close out the 1973 season within inches of dethroning the mighty Oakland Raiders.

Ralston, quite accurately, credits Charley Johnson with having been the catalyst in the Broncos' spectacular offensive improvement. The Broncos' TD production soared from a paltry 18 in 1971 to 38 in 1972 and 1973's AFC leading total of 41.

The fulcrum of Johnson's air game revolves around the pass catching abilities of Haven Moses and the vastly improved Riley Odoms. The offensive line keyed by Marv Montgomery and Mike Current afforded Denver's passers with the third best brand of AFC pass protection.

The quality of the Bronco run blocking was even better. Floyd Little came within 21 yards of his second 1,000 yard season,



Veteran Charley Johnson (12) has Broncos thinking playoffs in 1974.

and another Oiler castoff, Joe Dawkins, was the 11th-ranked rusher in the conference.

Defensively, the Broncos' main strength lies in the talent of the Denver front four and the way that they rush the passer. Led by Lyle Alzado and All-Pro DT Paul Smith, Denver's pass rush sacked opposing QBs 36 times.

Denver Veteran Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Pro		No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Pro	
					Age	Yr						Age	Yr.
77	Alzado, L.	DE	6-3	265	25	4	50	Maples, B.	C	6-3	250	31	10
11	Anderson, B.	RB	6-0	212	27	5	81	Master, B.	TE	6-5	240	30	8
24	Armstrong, O.	RB	5-10	196	23	2	56	May, R.	LB	6-1	230	29	8
73	Askea, M.	T	6-4	260	23	2	41	Mitchell, L.	CB	6-1	190	30	7
79	Chavous, B.	DE	6-3	252	27	2	78	Montgomery, M.	T	6-6	255	27	4
	Coleman, R.	LB	6-4	216	23	2	21	Montgomery, R.	CB	5-11	182	26	5
53	Criter, K.	LB	5-11	223	27	6	25	Moses, H.	WR	6-2	208	29	6
74	Current, M.	T	6-4	270	29	8	54	Myrtle, C.	LB	6-2	225	29	8
33	Dawkins, J.	RB	6-2	223	26	5	66	O'Malley, J.	LB	6-1	230	23	2
76	Domres, T.	DT	6-3	260	28	7	88	Odoms, R.	TE	6-4	230	24	3
55	Duranko, P.	DT	6-2	250	29	8	48	Pitts, J.	S	6-4	218	29	8
67	Goeddeke, G.	G	6-3	253	29	8	10	Ramsey, S.	QB	6-2	210	26	5
58	Graham, T.	LB	6-2	235	24	3	30	Ross, O.	RB	6-0	210	25	2
63	Grant, J.	DE	6-3	235	24	2		Rowser, J.	CB	6-1	190	30	8
20	Greer, C.	S	6-0	205	28	7	64	Schnitker, M.	G	6-3	245	27	6
	Hepburn, L.	CB	5-11	180	26	3	80	Simmons, J.	WR	6-1	190	31	10
60	Howard, P.	G	6-3	260	24	2	51	Simone, M.	LB	6-0	210	24	3
62	Inman, J.	DT	6-2	256	34	7	75	Smith, E.	DE	6-5	241	24	2
68	Jackson, L.	T	6-3	270	25	4	70	Smith, P.	DT	6-3	256	29	7
57	Jackson, T.	LB	5-11	220	23	2	36	Thompson, B.	CB	6-1	201	28	6
12	Johnson, C.	QB	6-1	200	35	14	15	Turner, J.	K	6-2	205	33	11
26	Jones, C.	CB	5-7	169	23	2	23	Tyler, M.	S	6-0	188	24	3
45	Laskey, B.	LB	6-3	230	31	9	42	Van Heusen	P-WR	6-1	200	28	7
44	Little, F.	RB	5-10	196	32	8	84	Washington	WR	6-3	205	28	8
61	Lyons, T.	G	6-2	230	26	4							

Denver Schedule

September 15	LOS ANGELES	2:00 p.m.
September 22	PITTSBURGH	2:00 p.m.
September 30	at Washington (Mon.)	9:00 p.m.
October 6	at Kansas City	3:00 p.m.
October 13	NEW ORLEANS	2:00 p.m.
October 20	SAN DIEGO	2:00 p.m.
October 27	at Cleveland	1:00 p.m.
November 3	OAKLAND	2:00 p.m.
November 10	at Baltimore	2:00 p.m.
November 18	KANSAS CITY (Mon.)	7:00 p.m.
November 24	at Oakland	1:00 p.m.
November 28	at Detroit (Thanks.)	12:30 pm
December 8	HOUSTON	2:00 p.m.
December 15	at San Diego	1:00 p.m.

Denver Key Players



LYLE ALZADO, DE, 6-3, 265, 4th yr., age 25, YANKTON

Stepped into regular job when Pete Duranko went down with knee injury in 1971. Outstanding pass rusher with 4.75 quickness. Has great pursuit on plays away from him. Fourth round pick in Broncos' 1971 draft. Wooed by WFL but inked long term pact with Broncos because team is playoff bound.

MIKE CURRENT, T, 6-4, 270, 8th yr., age 29, OHIO STATE

Current is another one of those huge, superbly gifted offensive linemen who, without anyone but his coaches being aware of how vital a contribution they must make to the success of an offensive attack, has managed to perform consistently well for a number of years.



JOE DAWKINS, RB, 6-2, 223, 5th yr., age 26, WISCONSIN

Another steal from Houston, Dawkins was given opportunity at FB when Bob Anderson was hurt toward the close of the '72 season. Joe responded with a 4.4 rushing average on 160 carries for 706 yards and a pair of TDs. Also caught 30 passes for another 329 yards. Obtained from Oilers in exchange for Dickie Post.

CHARLEY JOHNSON, QB, 6-1, 200, 14th yr., age 35, NEW MEX.

Ranked fourth in AFC passing stats, Johnson was voted to several post-season All-AFC teams and should have played in Pro Bowl. Charley completed 53.2 percent of his passes for 2,465 yards and 20 TDs. Was intercepted 17 times. Catalyst of Denver's surge to contention and leader of offensive attack.



FLOYD LITTLE, RB, 5-10, 196, 8th yr., age 32, SYRACUSE

When John Ralston took up residence in Mile High country he promised to utilize all of Little's remarkable talents so as to increase his TD production. The results: In the two seasons of Ralston's tenure, Floyd has scored 26 times as compared to 23 TDs in his previous five seasons. Floyd now has 5,586 yards rushing, 1,765 yards receiving.

TOM LYONS, G, 6-2, 230, 4th yr., age 26, GEORGIA

Tough competitor who works hard at offsetting comparative disadvantages of smallish size. Lyons has been regular at right guard since early part of '72 season and has developed into top-flight replacement for the oft-injured George Goeddeke. A fourteenth round pick in 1971, Tom has also played center.



RAY MAY, LB, 6-1, 230, 8th yr., age 29, USC

Ray was the second starting linebacker (the other was Bill Laskey) to be obtained from the Colts during regular season a year ago. May arrived in Denver after three weeks of play, and immediately brought the kind of experience necessary to solidify a young secondary like that of the Broncos.

MARV MONTGOMERY, T, 6-6, 265, 4th yr., age 27, USC

Ralston thinks so highly of Montgomery that in the middle of the WFL raids, he signed his best offensive lineman to a multi-year contract at a hefty increase despite the fact that Marv's leg was still in a cast. A solid, tough blocker who was enroute to Pro-Bowl honors before suffering season-ending injury in tenth week.





HAVEN MOSES, WR, 6-2, 208, 6th yr., age 29, SAN DIEGO ST.
Size, speed, body control and great hands—Haven Moses has all the tools. A number one pick of the Bills in 1968, Moses came to Denver in a straight player deal for Dwight Harrison. Has to be rated as yet another Ralston steal. Moses has produced 15 TDs for Broncos in 22 games and was team's leading wide receiver.

RILEY ODOMS, TE, 6-4, 230, 3rd yr., age 24, Houston

Rated by majority of pro scouts as most promising TE in '72 college crop, Odoms was somewhat of a disappointment as Broncos' number one pick of a year ago. Forced to share playing time with Billy Masters, Odoms' rookie season ended with just 21 catches, 320 yards and 1 TD.



JOHN ROWSER, CB, 6-1, 190, 8th yr., age 30, MICHIGAN

Ralston is hopeful that the draft-day acquisition of John Rowser from the Steelers will be his 1974 bargain in the trade market. Rowser, a regular with Pittsburgh for the past three seasons, has a lifetime mark of 17 interceptions (six in 1973) and two long TD returns—a 70 yarder in 1971 and a 75 yard return last season.

PAUL SMITH, DT, 6-3, 256, 7th yr., age 29, NEW MEXICO

Most of Smith's previous six seasons were spent in the shadow of Rich Jackson, Dave Costa and Pete Duranko. Now, however, with two consecutive Pro Bowl appearances to his credit, Smith is fast becoming one of the most acclaimed defensive tackles in the game.



BILL THOMPSON, DB, 6-1, 201, 6th yr., age 28, MARYLAND

Best defensive back on Bronco squad. Thompson was shifted from corner to strong safety and had great success. Bill accounted for 96 yards on three interception returns, including a TD. Excellent tackler, who has good size and excellent speed for inside work at strong safety.

John Ralston
Head Coach



His rookie year in NFL produced a 5-9 record with Broncos enabling them to escape the AFC West fourth place spot for the first time since 1962. Then, last year, his Denver team tied for second with a 7-5-2 mark. Came to the Mile High City in January of 1972, fresh from a Rose Bowl victory by his Stanford team against Michigan. His Stanford club also downed Ohio State in the 1971 Rose Bowl. Ralston's overall Stanford coaching record was 54-36-3 including two Pacific Eight titles, and eight straight winning seasons. As head coach at Utah State (1959-62), he compiled a 31-11-1 mark before moving to Stanford. His Aggies were co-champions of the Skyline Conference in two of those years and they participated in the Sun and Gotham Bowls. Has also served as head coach of West team in Shrine game three times.

Denver 1973 Club Leaders

RUSHING	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Little	256	979	3.8	47	12
Dawkins	160	706	4.4	72	2
Armstrong	26	90	3.5	24	0
Anderson	19	61	3.2	11	1

PASSING	Att.	Comp.	Pct	Yds.	TDs	Int
Johnson	346	184	53.2	2465	20	17
Ramsey	27	10	37.0	194	2	2

PASS REC.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Odoms	43	629	14.6	47	7
Little	41	423	10.3	50	1
Dawkins	30	329	11.0	42	0
Moses	28	518	18.5	76	8
Anderson	15	153	10.2	29	0
Simmons	13	249	19.2	53	1
Washington	10	150	15.0	28	3
Van Heusen	8	149	18.6	62	1
Masters	2	43	21.5	36	1

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Jones	4	69	17.3	31	0
Thompson	3	96	32.0	59	1
Mitchell	2	43	21.5	40	1

KICKOFF RET.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Armstrong	20	472	23.6	50	0
Dawkins	10	222	22.2	31	0

PUNT RET.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Thompson	30	366	12.2	53	0
Tyler	4	20	5.0	6	0
Greer	3	11	3.7	11	0

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	BLK
Van Heusen	69	3114	45.1	78	0

SCORING	TDR	TDP	TDS	FG	PAT	Pts.
Turner	0	0	0	22	40	106
Little	12	1	13	0	0	78
Moses	1	8	9	0	0	54
Odoms	0	7	7	0	0	42
Washington	0	3	3	0	0	12
Thompson	0	0	2	0	0	12
Dawkins	2	0	2	0	0	12
Anderson	1	0	1	0	0	6
Armstrong	0	1	1	0	0	6
Simmons	0	1	1	0	0	6
Van Heusen	0	1	1	0	0	6
Mitchell	0	0	1	0	0	6

Denver All-Time Club Leaders

RUSHING

Floyd Little, with 5,557 yards in 1,398 carries for 40 TDs (1967-'73)

PASSING

Frank Tripucka, with 662 completions in 1,277 attempts for 7,622 yards and 51 TDs (1960-'63)

PASS RECEDVING

Lionel Taylor, with 543 receptions for 6,976 yards and 44 TDs (1960-'66)

INTERCEPTIONS

Austin Gonsoulin, with 43 (1960-'66)

SCORING

Gene Mingo with 408 points (1960-'64)
 Floyd Little, with 294 points (1967-'73)
 Lionel Taylor, with 264 points (1960-'66)

HOUSTON OILERS



Lynn Dickey (L) is part of Sid Gillman's two-quarterback system.

In case you've wondered how a pro football team could manage to lose all but one of its 14 games, consider this: Houston finished 26th in total offense, 23rd in defense against the run and 20th against the pass. The Oilers also led the NFL in fumbles with 43 and scored only 199 points. At the same time, Houston allowed the opposition a league high of 447 points.

Even Sid Gillman didn't begin to know where to start the process of change, and now he

finds himself enroute to ulcer city because he's going to continue coaching the worst team in the NFL.

Houston coaches, however, aren't the only ones who suffered through the past two seasons worth of 26 lessons in NFL humility. The Oilers have a nucleus of talent to build on, but one must wonder how much effect losing has had on their spirit and their skill. Both Dan Pastorini and Lynn Dickey are capable NFL passers. Fred Willis is a legitimate double-threat as a receiver (he led the AFC with 57 catches) and as a runner. Bob Gresham is another talented runner who would be even better with just mediocre offensive line help. The Oiler receivers included the highly regarded Billy Parks and Ken Burroughs, who had 86 receptions between them.

Defensively, the Oilers have received superb performances from Elvin Bethea, the panther-quick defensive end who is the one Oiler super-star, and John Matuszak, the 6-8, 290-pound defensive tackle.

Unfortunately, there will be little assistance provided by anyone selected by the Oilers this past January because Gillman had bartered away the future for immediate help in the persons of Billy Parks, Tody Smith, Bill Curry and Al Cowlings.

Houston Veteran Roster

Pro						Pro							
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.
19	Alexander, W.	CB	6-3	190	25	4	14	Hargett, E.	QB	5-11	196	27	6
82	Alston, M.	TE	6-3	235	27	5	23	Haymond, A.	CB	5-11	192	32	11
12	Amundson, G.	RB	6-3	215	23	2	87	Hinton, E.	WR	6-0	200	27	6
48	Atkins, B.	S	6-3	210	28	7	52	Hunt, C.	C	6-3	245	27	4
65	Bethea, E.	DE	6-2	255	28	7	72	Hunt, K.	T	6-5	260	26	3
54	Bingham, G.	LB	6-1	230	23	2	60	Jenkins, A.	G	6-2	245	28	5
27	Blahak, J.	S	5-9	181	24	2	15	Johnson, A.	RB	6-0	200	24	3
00	Burrough, K.	WR	6-3	210	26	5	33	Johnson, B.	CB	5-10	177	26	5
2	Butler, S.	K	6-0	200	27	4	40	Jolley, L.	RB	6-0	208	25	3
63	Carr, L.	T	6-2	260	30	6	61	Jones, H.	G	6-4	245	29	3
29	Carwell, L.	S	6-1	181	30	8	59	Kiner, S.	LB	6-1	220	27	4
25	Charles, J.	S	6-0	200	30	8	51	Lou, R.	C	6-2	235	23	2
55	Cindrich, R.	LB	6-1	230	25	3	78	Matuszak, J.	DT	6-8	290	24	2
76	Cowlings, A.	DT	6-5	255	27	5	80	Mayo, R.	TE	6-3	223	24	2
49	Cunningham, D	LB	6-2	238	30	7	62	Miller, R.	G	6-3	260	26	3
50	Curry, B.	C	6-2	235	32	10	22	Moore, Z.	CB	6-3	196	31	8
10	Dickey, L.	QB	6-3	210	25	4	20	Parks, B.	WR	6-1	190	26	4
75	Drungo, E.	T	6-4	265	31	6	7	Pastorini, D.	QB	6-2	205	25	4
74	Dunaway, J.	DT	6-4	277	33	12	56	Roberts, G.	LB	6-1	217	24	3
26	Eaglin, L.	S	6-3	193	26	2	34	Rodgers, W.	RB	6-1	210	25	3
87	Fanucci, M.	DE	6-4	239	25	3	73	Sampson, G.	DT	6-6	260	24	3
69	Freelon, S.	G	6-2	249	23	3	64	Saul, R.	G	6-2	255	26	5
66	Funchess, T.	T	6-5	270	30	7	37	Severson, J.	S	6-0	185	25	3
68	Goodman, B.	G	6-2	250	25	2	77	Smith, S.	C-T	6-4	260	26	5
36	Gresham, B.	RB	5-11	195	26	4	70	Smith, T.	DE	6-5	245	26	4
57	Gruneisen, S.	C	6-1	242	33	13	28	Thomas, B.	RB	6-2	225	25	3
58	Guidry, P.	LB	6-3	227	30	9	44	Willis, F.	RB	6-0	205	27	4

Houston Schedule

September 15	SAN DIEGO	1:00 p.m.
September 22	at Cleveland	1:00 p.m.
September 29	KANSAS CITY	1:00 p.m.
October 6	PITTSBURGH	1:00 p.m.
October 13	at Minnesota	1:00 p.m.
October 20	ST. LOUIS	1:00 p.m.
October 27	at Cincinnati	1:00 p.m.
November 3	at New York Jets	1:00 p.m.
November 10	at Buffalo	1:00 p.m.
November 17	CINCINNATI	1:00 p.m.
November 24	DALLAS	1:00 p.m.
December 1	at Pittsburgh	1:00 p.m.
December 8	at Denver	1:00 p.m.
December 15	CLEVELAND	1:00 p.m.

Houston Key Players



MACK ALSTON, TE, 6-3, 235, 5th yr., age 27, MARYLAND ST.
Alston's four TDs led the team in aerial scores. Mack was part of the Ken Houston trade. Was starting Houston TE and had 19 catches for 195 yards and a 10.3 yard average. While with the Redskins, Alston was noted primarily for his blocking ability.

ELVIN BETHEA, DE, 6-2, 255, 7th yr., age 28, NORTH CAR. A&T
Considered one of the best defensive ends around, Bethea has played for AFC in past three Pro-Bowls. Has led the team in QB sackings for three of the past four seasons. Bethea is a superb pass rusher, with excellent pursuit capabilities that make him almost as effective against the run.



KEN BURROUGH, WR, 6-3, 210, 5th yr., age 26, TEX. SOUTHERN
Originally a first round selection of the New Orleans Saints, Burrough was dealt to the Oilers for three players and a draft choice. Trade was coup for Oilers. In three seasons with Houston, Burrough had had 98 catches good for 1468 yards and 7 TDs. Has great size, and 4.6 speed.

AL COWLINGS, DT, LB, 6-5, 255, 3rd yr., age 27, USC
One of four other Oilers who was drafted number one by different NFL clubs. Cowlings, a former Bill, was mild disappointment at defensive tackle in first season as Oiler, and Gillman is toying with the idea of moving the former USC star to linebacker, ala Tim Rossovich. High school teammate of O. J. Simpson.



BILL CURRY, C, 6-2, 236, 10th yr., age 32, GEORGIA TECH
Curry, President of the National Football League Players' Association, was expected to anchor Oiler offensive line. Unfortunately, Bill broke his leg during the fifth week of play, and missed the final ten games of the regular season.

LYNN DICKEY, QB, 6-3, 210, 4th yr., age 25, KANSAS STATE
After missing the entire 1972 season with a very serious hip injury, Dickey came back in great shape. Shared playing time with Dan Pastorini, and had a much better record. Completed 59.2 percent of his 120 attempts for 888 yards and six TDs, one more than Pastorini.



BOB GRESHAM, RB, 5-11, 195, 4th yr., age 26, WEST VIRGINIA
Picked up on waivers from the Saints, Gresham had very productive season with the Oilers. Appeared in all but one of Houston's regular season games, and rushed for an even 400 yards, while catching 28 passes for an additional 244 yards, and a total of three TDs.

JOHN MATUSZAK, DT, 6-8, 290, 2nd yr., age 24, TAMPA
Proved to be all the scouts thought he was. Matuszak, the first player chosen in last year's draft, is already viewed as one of the best young defensive tackles in the game, especially when one is rating performers for their ability to rush the passer. The 6-8, 290 lb. Matuszak is exceptionally quick for his size.





ZEKE MOORE, CB, 6-3, 196, 8th yr., age 31, LINCOLN

Moore is perhaps the finest secondary performer on the Oilers. Zeke is entering his eighth season as a corner back with 13 career interceptions. Has played both the left and the right side, and was two-time member of the AFC Pro Bowl squad. Moore is one of toughest man-for-man coverage artists in the League.

BILLY PARKS, WR, 6-1, 190, 4th yr., age 25, CAL ST.-L.B'CH

A protege of Sid Gillman, Parks is now with his third NFL club since being picked in the sixth round of the 1970 draft by the Chargers. Billy decided to sit out his second season with San Diego, and his actual rookie season was 1971. Billy last year caught 43 passes for 582 yards.



DAN PASTORINI, QB, 6-2, 205, 4th yr., age 25, SANTA CLARA

In just three seasons, Pastorini has been intercepted forty times. Despite this extremely high ratio, Pastorini is still regarded as one of the league's foremost strong-armed prospects. His '73 completion percentage of 53.1 was his highest yet, and he ended the season with 1482 yards, 5 TDs and 17 interceptions.

TODY SMITH, DE, 6-5, 245, 4th yr., age 26, USC

On paper, Tody Smith has all the size, speed and strength a scout looks for in a top defensive end. However, Tody, now in his fourth year, has yet to deliver performance to match promise. Drafted number one by the Cowboys three years ago, Smith was traded to Houston along with Billy Parks for the Oilers number one pick.



FRED WILLIS, RB, 6-0, 205, 4th yr., age 27, BOSTON COLLEGE

Easily the most productive Oiler offensive performer, Willis led the club in both receiving and rushing. In fact, Fred's 57 catches also led the AFC in receiving as well. Those 57 catches added up to 371 yards and one TD. Rushing wise, Willis sported a 3.4 average on 171 carries that netted another 579 yards.

Sid Gillman *Head Coach*



A veteran of 18 years in pro coaching, Gillman replaced Bill Petersen midway through the disastrous (1-13) 1973 season. Sid, who has twice retired from coaching, now attempts to lend his winning touch to the Oilers in 1974. Gillman took over L.A. Rams in 1955 and won divisional championship. Started with Chargers in 1960 and won five divisional titles and AFL title in 1963, beating Boston 51-10. Served as general manager of Chargers 1960-'70, and was elevated to executive vice-president, 1971. All-Big Ten end at Ohio State and played in the 1933 East-West game and inaugural All-Star game, 1934. Assistant coach, Ohio State, Denison and Miami (O) through 1947 and line coach Army, 1948. As head coach at University of Cincinnati 1949-'54 had a record of 50-13-1. Born October 26, 1911 at Minneapolis.

Houston 1973 Club Leaders

RUSHING	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Willis	71	579	3.4	25	4
Gresham	104	400	3.8	52	2
Robinson	34	151	4.4	22	2
Pastorini	31	102	3.3	17	0
Amundson	15	56	3.7	10	0
Thomas	10	39	3.9	11	0

Charles	2	74	37.0	39	0
Bingham	2	22	11.0	18	0

KICKOFF RET.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Gresham	27	723	26.8	103	1
Haymond	28	703	25.1	47	0
Hinton	8	141	17.6	30	0

PASSING	Att.	Comp.	Pct	Yds.	TDs	Int
Pastorini	290	154	53.1	1482	5	17
Dickey	120	71	59.2	888	6	10

PUNT RET.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Severson	16	126	7.9	74	0
Haymond	14	101	7.2	44	0

PASS REC.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Willis	57	371	6.5	50	1
Parks	43	581	13.5	66	1
Burrough	43	577	13.4	49	2
Gresham	28	244	8.7	60	1
Alston	19	195	10.3	39	4
Hinton	13	202	15.5	34	1
Amundson	7	60	8.6	18	0
Robinson	7	46	6.6	19	0

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Butler	36	1344	37.3	55	0
Pastorini	27	1087	40.3	59	0

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Roberts	4	55	13.8	27	0
Severson	4	24	6.0	19	0
Alexander	3	3	1.0	3	0
Blahak	2	120	60.0	87	0

SCORING	TDR	TD	TDs	XP	FG	Pts.
Butler	0	0	0	21	15	66
Willis	4	1	5	0	0	30
Alston	0	4	4	0	0	24
Gresham	2	1	4	0	0	24
Burrough	1	2	3	0	0	18
Robinson	2	0	2	0	0	12
Eaglin	0	0	1	0	0	6
Hinton	0	1	1	0	0	6
B. Parks	0	1	1	0	0	6
D. Parks	0	1	1	0	0	6
Dickey	0	0	0	1	0	1

Houston All-Time Club Leaders

RUSHING

Hoyle Granger with 774 carries for 3,514 yards

(1966-'70-'72)

Charles Tolar with 907 carries for 3,277 yards

(1960-'66)

PASSING

George Blanda with 1,237 completions in 2,784 attempts for 19,149 yards and 165 TDs

(1960-'66)

Pete Beathard with 379 completions on 824 attempts for 5,128 yards and 26 TDs

(1967-'69)

PASS RECEIVING

Charles Hennigan with 410 receptions for 6,823 yards and 51 TDs

(1960-'66)

Charles Frazier with 177 receptions for 3,017 yards and 22 TDs

(1962-'68)

INTERCEPTIONS

Jim Norton with 45

(1960-'68)

Freddy Glick with 30

(1961-'66)

Tony Banfield with 27

(1960-'65)

SCORING

George Blanda with 596 points

(1960-'66)

Charles Hennigan, with 306 points

(1960-'66)

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

The Chiefs' 1974 season will find Hank Stram's forces at the crossroads of resurgence or decline. Kansas City has a rich, winning tradition, and on the strength of its magnificent defense, must be classified as a worthy challenger to Oakland and the surging Broncos. However, the offense will have to carry its' share of the challenge.

Stram is confident that he has a remedy for his offensive woes in the persons of his top draft choices, Woody Green and Charlie Getty. Green, of course, is the former Arizona State speedster who became only the fourth runner in collegiate history to rush for 1,000 or more yards in each of his three varsity seasons. Getty is a huge and quick offensive tackle schooled in the power blocking of Penn State, and he will challenge for a starting job on the injury-plagued offensive line. David Jaynes, the Chiefs' highly-regarded third-round pick from nearby Kansas University, is expected to learn the QB ropes from old hands Len Dawson and Mike Livingston. Another unique feature of the Chiefs' plans for the coming season include Stram's decision to call the offensive plays from the bench.

The real strength of the Chiefs' hopes for a return to New Orleans and another Super Bowl appearance lies in the



A potent center: Jack Rudnay.

ability of one of the league's top defenses. Curley Culp and Wilbur Young bulwark an improved pass rush that sacked opposition QBs 38 times, while Jim Lynch and Willie Lanier give the club solid, and consistent linebacking. Emmitt Thomas is the club's best defensive back and he keys a tough- hard-hitting secondary that finished with 21 interceptions to tie for second place in the AFC with the Dolphins.

The Chiefs can go either way in 1974.

Kansas City Veteran Roster

Pro							Pro						
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.
48	Allen, N.	CB	5-10	170	26	4	51	Lynch, J.	LB	6-1	235	29	8
11	Beathard, P.	QB	6-1	200	32	10	40	Marsalis, J.	CB	5-11	194	29	6
78	Bell, B.	LB	6-4	228	34	12	22	Marshall, L.	CB	5-10	195	24	3
86	Buchanan, B.	DT	6-7	270	34	12	76	Moorman, M.	T-G	6-5	252	29	7
71	Budde, E.	G	6-5	265	34	12	50	Oriard, M.	C-G	6-4	223	26	5
82	Butler, G.	TE	6-3	235	23	2	57	Palewicz, A.	LB	6-1	215	24	2
	Butler, J.	RB	5-10	200	31	9	75	Peay, F.	T	6-5	250	30	9
	Calloway, E.	DT-DE	6-6	250	26	5	14	Podolak, E.	RB	6-1	205	27	6
9	Carlson, D.	QB	6-3	210	24	3	15	Reardon, K.	CB	5-11	180	25	4
61	Culp, C.	DT	6-1	265	28	7	58	Rudnay, J.	C	6-3	240	27	5
60	Daney, G.	G	6-4	240	28	7	67	Seals, G.	DT	6-3	260	32	11
16	Dawson, L.	QB	6-0	190	39	18	20	Sensibaugh, M.	S	5-11	192	25	4
24	Ellison, W.	RB	6-2	210	29	8	85	Smith, D.	WR	6-3	210	27	5
80	Hamilton, A.	WR	6-3	190	24	2	3	Stenerud, J.	K	6-2	187	32	8
38	Hayes, W.	RB	6-1	220	34	10	88	Stroud, M.	TE	6-10	255	28	6
73	Hill, D.	T	6-5	260	33	12	89	Taylor, O.	WR	6-3	215	32	10
74	Holmes, P.	DE	6-5	255	34	9	18	Thomas, E.	CB	6-2	192	31	9
32	Jones, D.	CB	6-2	202	23	2	77	Tyrer, J.	T	6-6	280	35	12
46	Kearney, J.	S	6-2	206	31	10	81	Upshaw, M.	DE	6-4	260	28	7
23	Keyes, L.	RB	6-3	208	27	6	72	Walton, W.	G-T	6-5	255	26	3
31	Kinney, J.	RB	6-2	215	25	3	54	Werner, C.	LB	6-4	225	27	5
27	Kratzer, D.	WR	6-3	194	25	2	26	West, R.	WR	6-4	218	24	3
63	Lanier, W.	LB	6-1	245	29	8	44	Wilson, J.	P	6-2	222	33	12
10	Livingston, M.	QB	6-4	212	29	7	17	Wright, E.	WR	6-0	190	25	4
87	Lohmeyer, J.	DE	6-4	229	23	2	99	Young, W.	DE	6-6	285	25	4

Kansas City Schedule

September 15	NEW YORK JETS	3:00 p.m.
September 22	at Oakland	1:00 p.m.
September 29	at Houston	1:00 p.m.
October 6	DENVER	3:00 p.m.
October 13	PITTSBURGH	1:00 p.m.
October 20	at Miami	4:00 p.m.
October 27	at San Diego	1:00 p.m.
November 3	NEW YORK GIANTS	3:00 p.m.
November 10	SAN DIEGO	1:00 p.m.
November 18	at Denver (Mon.)	7:00 p.m.
November 24	at Cincinnati	1:00 p.m.
December 1	at St. Louis	1:00 p.m.
December 8	OAKLAND	3:00 p.m.
December 14	MINNESOTA (Sat.)	2:45 p.m.

Kansas City Key Players



BOBBY BELL, LB, 6-4, 228, 12th yr., age 34, MINNESOTA

This could be the season where age and the wear and tear of 11 NFL seasons catches up with Bell, the fine Chiefs' outside linebacker who was voted onto the All-Time AFL defensive squad by the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

ED BUDDE, G, 6-5, 265, 12th yr., age 34, MICHIGAN

Budde missed two games in 1973, and played most of the season under the strain of several nagging injuries. When healthy, Budde is considered to be one of the finest guards around. Despite his age, there are few defensive tackles who can beat him one on one to the passer. Ed was voted to the AFL Hall of Fame team.



CURLEY CULP, DT, 6-1, 265, 7th yr., age 28, ARIZONA STATE

A second round pick of the Broncos in 1968, Culp was first tried as a guard, but was shipped to the Chiefs the following season. Not the tallest of defensive tackles, Culp is considered to be among the top three at his position because of his tremendous quickness which is matched well with unbelievable strength.

LEN DAWSON, QB, 6-0, 190, 18th yr., age 39, PURDUE

Leonard will be back for more. Actually Dawson was in the best physical shape he's been in several seasons, but he hurt his throwing shoulder blocking on a reverse in the second game of the season and missed all of five contests and parts of several others. The all-time leading passer from a percentage standpoint,



JIM KEARNEY, DB, 6-2, 206, 10th yr., age 31, PRAIRIE VIEW

Originally drafted seventh in 1965 by the Lions, Kearney played two seasons in Detroit before being picked up by the Eagles. Unfortunately for the Eagles, they cut Kearney in the summer. Nick-named the Quiet Man, he's snared 23 interceptions in the 100 games he's played for the Chiefs.

WILLIE LANIER, MLB, 6-1, 245, 8th yr., age 29, MORGAN STATE

Lanier is considered to be the finest MLB playing today. A tremendous tackler, Lanier is known to his teammates as "Contact" and "Bear" for the way he hits and wraps up opposing runners. Not only does Lanier excel versus the run, Willie is a fine defender against the pass.



MIKE LIVINGSTON, QB, 6-4, 212, 7th yr., age 29, SMU

This could well be the year that Livingston finally takes over the Chiefs number one quarterbacking role. Used successfully in the past whenever Dawson had been sidelined (and there have been quite a few occasions in the past two seasons), Livingston has all the tools to be a fine starter in the NFL.

JIM LYNCH, LB, 6-1, 235, 8th yr., age 29, NOTRE DAME

Lynch is the most consistent linebacker in a group which many observers consider to be the finest in the NFL. A second round pick of the Chiefs, he's considered to be a fine tackler and good cover man who makes up in consistency what he lacks in physical skills.



**ED PODOLAK, RB, 6-1, 205, 6th yr., age 27, IOWA**

A college QB with Iowa, the Chiefs picked him second in the 1969 draft, and after a difficult rookie season in which he had trouble holding onto several key punts, Podolak has developed into the team's most consistent runner over the past four seasons. Was the Chiefs top 1973 offensive threat.

JACK RUDNAY, C, 6-3, 240, 5th yr., age 27, NORTHWESTERN
Ranks with Miami's Jim Langer as the finest young offensive center in the game. Rudnay was voted onto the AFC Pro Bowl squad last season. Jack excels at blocking middle linebackers, and Colts' Mike Curtis has said that he is the quickest center he's ever had to meet.

**JAN STENERUD, K, 6-2, 187, 8th yr., age 31, MONTANA ST.**

A former ski instructor, Stenerud is one of the premier soccer-type kickers in the NFL. He has gone over 100-point mark in all but two of his seven seasons. He had missed only one PAT in entire career until 1973, when he blew two. His field goal record is a sparkling 179 of 271.

OTIS TAYLOR, WR, 6-3, 215, 10th yr., age 32, PRAIRIE VIEW
Taylor is still regarded as one of the most devastating wide receivers in pro football. However, because of injuries and inconsistent quarterbacking, as well as some unstable pass protection, the Chiefs have been unable to get the ball to Otis with the kind of regularity they've shown in the past.

**WILBUR YOUNG, DE, 6-6, 285, 4th yr., age 25, WILLIAM PENN**

Young is developing into an outstanding defensive end, and next to Culp was the Chiefs' finest trencherman, especially in terms of reaching opposing passers. Wilbur was uncovered in the second round of the 1971 draft. Big Wilbur has great size and good quickness that combine with massive strength.

Hank Stram

Head Coach

Has been the head coach of Lamar Hunt's pro football entry since the beginning of the American Football League. He started with the Dallas Texans, and is the only man to coach a team through the entire history of the AFL. His overall record speaks highly of his consistency (119-67-10). In his only head coaching job, Stram was the



winningest coach in the AFL's first decade of action. His Chiefs were the only team to win three AFL crowns. Upon graduation from Purdue, (1948), Stram joined the Boilermaker coaching staff as an assistant. In 1956 he moved to Southern Methodist, and then spent the following two years at Notre Dame. A one year stint at the University of Miami preceded Hunt's naming of Stram to the Dallas Texans' head job. At Purdue, he won seven letters, four in baseball and three in football. Highlight of career probably is Chiefs' thrilling 23-7 Super Bowl victory over the rival NFL's Minnesota entry.

Kansas City 1973 Club Leaders

RUSHING Att. Yds. Avg. Long TDs

Podolak	211	721	3.4	25	3
Ellison	108	411	3.8	19	2
Hayes	95	352	3.7	27	2
Kinney	50	128	2.6	8	1
Livingston	19	94	4.9	28	2

Reardon	2	17	8.5	17	0
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KICKOFF RET. No. Yds. Avg. Long TDs

Marshall	14	391	27.9	38	0
McVea	8	146	18.3	29	0
Kinney	5	130	26.0	40	0

PASSING Att. Comp. Pct. Yds. TDs Int

Livingston	145	75	.517	916	6	7
Dawson	101	66	.653	725	2	5
Beathard	64	31	.484	389	2	1

PUNT RET. No. Yds. Avg. Long TDs

Marshall	29	180	6.2	31	0
Podolak	11	90	8.2	48	0

PASS REC. No. Yds. Avg. Long TDs

Podolak	55	445	8.1	25	0
Taylor	34	536	15.8	46	4
Hayes	18	134	7.4	13	0
Wright	16	252	15.8	44	2
Stroud	12	216	18.0	48	2
Kinney	11	126	11.5	25	0
Ellison	9	64	7.1	17	0
Butler	8	124	15.5	23	2

PUNTING No. Yds. Avg. Long BLK

Wilson	80	3642	45.5	68	1
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SCORING TDR TDP TDs XP FG Pts.

Stenerud	0	0	0	21	24	93
Taylor	0	4	4	0	0	24
Podolak	3	0	3	0	0	18
Stroud	0	2	2	0	0	12
Butler	0	2	2	0	0	12
Wright	0	2	2	0	0	12
Ellison	2	0	2	0	0	12
Livingston	2	0	2	0	0	12
Hayes	2	0	2	0	0	12
Beathard	1	0	1	0	0	6
Kinney	1	0	1	0	0	6
Lanier	0	0	1	0	0	6
Lohmeyer	0	0	1	0	0	6

INTERCEPTIONS

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Thomas	3	65	21.6	33	0
Sensibaugh	3	58	19.3	27	0
Lanier	3	47	16.6	29	1
Kearney	3	30	10.0	24	0
Marsalis	2	36	18.0	36	0

Kansas City All-Time Club Leaders

RUSHING

Abner Haynes, with 780 carries for 3,837 yards	(1960-'64)
Curtis McClinton, with 762 carries for 3,017 yards	(1962-'69)

PASSING

Len Dawson, with 1,905 completions in 3,366 attempts for 26,043 yards and 227 TDs	(1962-'73)
Cotton Davidson, with 339 completions in 709 attempts for 4,919 yards and 32 TDs	(1960-'61)

PASS RECEIVING

Otis Taylor, with 396 receptions for 6,931 yards	(1965-'73)
Chris Burford, with 391 receptions for 5,505 yards	(1960-'67)

INTERCEPTIONS

Johnny Robinson, with 57	(1962-'71)
Bobby Hunt, with 37	(1962-'67)

SCORING

Jan Stenerud, with 790 points	(1967-'73)
Abner Haynes, with 366 points	(1960-'64)

MIAMI DOLPHINS



In Bob Griese (12) Dolphins have one of premier quarterbacks in NFL.

Your mission, Coach Shula, should you decide to accept it, is to go for the NFL version of the Triple Crown. If you or any member of your Dolphin Seige Force should be captured or signed by the WFL, the Commissioner will disavow any knowledge of your mission. Well, Shula is in trouble right away. Trouble for him and the Dolphin Machine began in the middle of March when three of his most valuable agents were persuaded to join forces with the World Football League.

Shula's announced aim of going after a third consecutive

Super Bowl triumph suffered its most serious damage when Larry Csonka, Paul Warfield and Jim Kiick signed long-term WFL contracts.

And thereby hangs the most crucial question Shula will face during the coming season. Can he overcome the "lame duck" effects of three of his most valuable performers playing a football game of wait until next year? The three stars have assured their coach and teammates that the Dolphins will have nothing less than their best efforts in their final season. But still the question remains.

Shula will have the rest of his team intact. Bob Griese is still the finest tactician in the game, and Mercury Morris has not lost any of the speed that makes him one of the most dangerous ball-carriers in the NFL. The offensive line is formidable, and so is the front four that helped make the Miami defense the most effective in terms of points allowed in the league. The secondary is intact, and the WFL raids have yet to touch the Dolphins' effective linebacking crew.

Add to that the kicking game headed up by Garo Yepremian, the most accurate medium range kicker around, and the efficiency of the Dolphin special teams, and anyone would be foolish to pick against Shula's legions.

Miami Veteran Roster

Pro						Pro							
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.
40	Anderson, D.	S	6-2	196	28	7	66	Little, L.	G	6-1	265	28	8
49	Babb, C.	S	6-0	190	24	3	88	Mandich, J.	TE	6-2	224	26	5
51	Ball, L.	LB	6-6	235	25	3	53	Matheson, B.	LB	6-4	235	29	8
58	Bannon, B.	LB	6-3	225	23	2	65	Moore, M.	DT	6-5	265	28	3
86	Briscoe, M.	WR	5-11	175	28	7	79	Moore, W.	T	6-6	265	28	5
85	Buoniconti, N.	LB	5-11	220	33	13	15	Morrall, E.	QB	6-2	210	40	19
77	Crusan, D.	T	6-4	250	28	7	22	Morris, M.	RB	5-10	192	27	6
39	Csonka, L.	RB	6-2	237	27	7	26	Mumphord, L.	CB	5-10	176	27	6
83	Den Herder, V.	DE	6-6	252	25	4	64	Newman, E.	G	6-2	245	23	2
73	Evans, N.	T	6-5	250	31	10	36	Nottingham, D.	RB	5-10	210	25	4
75	Fernandez, M.	DT	6-2	250	28	7	56	Powell, J.	LB	6-2	222	27	6
80	Fleming, M.	TE	6-4	230	32	12	82	Rather, B.	WR	6-1	182	23	2
25	Foley, T.	CB	6-0	194	25	5	13	Scott, J.	S	6-0	188	29	5
55	Goode, I.	C-G	6-5	262	33	12	20	Seiple, L.	P-TE	6-0	214	29	8
12	Griese, B.	QB	6-1	190	29	8	34	Sellers, R.	WR	6-4	204	27	6
72	Heinz, B.	DT-DE	6-6	265	27	6	84	Stanfill, B.	DE	6-5	252	27	6
28	Jenkins, E.	RB	6-2	210	24	2	48	Stuckey, H.	CB	6-1	180	25	2
45	Johnson, C.	CB	6-1	196	26	5	59	Swift, D.	LB	6-3	226	26	5
21	Kiick, J.	RB	5-11	214	28	7	81	Twilley, H.	WR	5-10	185	30	9
54	Kindig, H.	C	6-6	252	33	9	42	Warfield, P.	WR	6-0	188	31	11
57	Kolen, M.	LB	6-2	222	26	5	70	Woods, L.	DT	6-6	260	26	4
67	Kuechenberg, B.	G	6-2	252	26	5	1	Yepremian, G.	K	5-8	175	30	8
62	Langer, J.	C	6-2	253	26	5	76	Young, W.	T	6-5	262	27	5
23	Leigh, C.	RB	5-11	206	28	6							

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October 13at Washington	1:00 p.m.
October 20KANSAS CITY	4:00 p.m.
October 27BALTIMORE	1:00 p.m.
November 3ATLANTA	4:00 p.m.
November 10at New Orleans	1:00 p.m.
November 17BUFFALO	1:00 p.m.
November 24at New York Jets	1:00 p.m.
December 2CINCINNATI (Mon.)	9:00 p.m.
December 8at Baltimore	2:00 p.m.
December 15NEW ENGLAND	1:00 p.m.

Miami Key Players



DICK ANDERSON, DB, 6-2, 196, 7th yr., age 28, COLORADO

Anderson is the most efficient strong safety in the NFL. Dick led the league in interceptions with eight, two of which he returned for TDs. Enjoyed the finest night of his career when he intercepted four Steeler passes in Monday Night rematch of the '72 AFC Championship. Anderson's four thefts accounted for 120 yards.

MARLIN BRISCOE, WR, 5-11, 175, 7th yr., age 28, OMAHA

The Magician led the Dolphins in receiving with 30 catches for 447 yards and a pair of TDs. Former QB with Broncos, Marlin was cut by Denver in 1969 and signed by the Bills who put him to work catching passes. Briscoe hauled in 133 balls for 2171 yards and 18 TDs over the next three years.



NICK BUONICONTI, MLB, 5-11, 220, 13th yr., age 33, NOTRE DAME

They pay middle linebackers to make tackles. Nick Buoniconti earns every single penny of his considerable paycheck. Nick has led the Dolphins in tackling and assists for all five seasons he's been in Miami. Voted the All-Time AFL MLB by the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

LARRY CSONKA, RB, 6-2, 237, 7th yr., age 27, SYRACUSE

If this is indeed Csonka's final season with the Dolphins, he will be remembered as the finest NFL fullback to run inside, over and around the best defenses in the game since the days of Jimmy Brown. Will be looking for his fourth consecutive thousand yard season in '74. Total NFL figures list him with 5,151 yards rushing.



MANNY FERNANDEZ, DT, 6-2, 250, 7th yr., age 28, UTAH

Physical and emotional leader of the Dolphins' front line of defense. Mobility, strength and quickness make up for Manny's comparative lack of size. Tough pass rusher, Fernandez has led the front four in tackles the past two seasons with 68 and 67 hard hitting solo stops.

BOB GRIESE, QB, 6-1, 190, 8th yr., age 29, PURDUE

Griese is the complete QB—possessed of a strong arm, quick feet and the speed to run when pressured. Griese also has the smartest football mind in the game. Directed Dolphin attack flawlessly and 1973 totals showed Griese to have hit on 53.2 percent of his 218 attempts for 1422 yards, 17 TDs.



JIM LANGER, C, 6-2, 253, 5th yr., age 26, SOUTH DAKOTA ST.

The last two seasons have witnessed the emergence of Langer as a premier offensive center. Was free agent with Browns and picked up after '70 pre-season in still another one of Thomas' waiver steals. Beat out Bob DeMarco to win regular spot the year the Dolphins went undefeated.

LARRY LITTLE, G, 6-1, 265, 8th yr., BETHUNE—COOKMAN

The best pulling guard in pro ball, Little devastates opposing cornerbacks on sweeps. Quick enough to lead Mercury outside, and strong enough to power his way into hulking defensive tackles to open up those tough inside holes that allow Zonk to be so effective. Difficult to beat on pass protection.





JIM MANDICH, TE, 6-2, 224, 5th yr., age 26, MICHIGAN

Had 24 catches in '73, nine more than Mandich had in entire three year career. Will be team's regular TE this season. Mandich is the man Miami looks for on third down and crucial yardage plays.

MERCURY MORRIS, RB, 5-10, 192, 6th yr., age 27, W. TEXAS ST.

Mercury Morris is aptly named. Like his namesake, Morris is the Dolphins' winged messenger who supplies the Don Shula Machine with its quickest route to enemy end zones. Scored ten TDs in '73, and finest performance came against the Patriots in Miami when he ran for 197 yards and scored three times.



JAKE SCOTT, DB, 6-0, 188, 5th yr., age 29, GEORGIA

Scott, together with his on the field alter ego, Dick Anderson, give the Dolphins the finest safety combination in the NFL. Another one of Joe Thomas' superb personnel moves, Scott was drafted on the seventh round in 1970 even though he still had some time left on his Canadian contract.

BILL STANFILL, DE, 6-5, 252, 8th yr., age 27, GEORGIA

Stanfill has been a starter at DE since his rookie season. Selected in the first round of the Dolphins 1969 draft, Stanfill, an All-American at Georgia where he was a teammate of Jake Scott's, has improved each season to the point where he is regarded as one of the first pass rushing defensive ends in the NFL.



PAUL WARFIELD, WR, 6-0, 188, 11th yr., age 31, OHIO STATE

Still the best WR in the business. Although Warfield was on the receiving end of just 29 passes, he still scored eleven times and was the Dolphins' most feared deep threat. Goes into his final NFL season with 129 catches for Dolphins in his five Miami seasons for 2,819 yards and 31 TDs.

**Don Shula
Head Coach**

Became first coach in annals of the NFL to ever reach the 100-victory plateau in his first 10 years when he annexed a 17-0 mark to his record in 1972. His 117-32-5 won-lost listing is astounding as is his three-year record at Miami of 46-9-1. Following Dolphins' perfect season in 1972, Shula was named Coach of the Year for the sixth time in 10 years. Joined Colts in 1963, and moved to Miami in 1970. Was assistant at Virginia and Kentucky after a seven-year turn as a defensive back in the NFL with Cleveland, Baltimore and Washington. He secured the Colts job after being an assistant coach with the Detroit Lions since 1960. Was a halfback at John Carroll University in Cleveland. Was head coach of four Super Bowl teams, losing with Baltimore and Miami before his Dolphins won the last two against Washington and Minnesota.



Miami 1973 Club Leaders

RUSHING	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Csonka	219	1003	4.6	25	5
Morris	149	954	6.4	70	10
Kliick	76	257	3.4	32	0
Leigh	22	134	6.1	34	1
Nottingham ...	24	134	5.6	30	0

PASSING	Att.	Comp.	Pct	Yds.	TDs	Int
Griese	218	116	53.2	1422	17	8
Morrall	38	17	44.7	253	0	4

PASS REC.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Briscoe	30	447	14.9	53	2
Warfield	29	514	17.7	45	11
Kliick	27	208	7.7	22	0
Mandich	24	302	12.6	28	4
Csonka	7	33	3.1	9	0
Morris	4	51	12.8	36	0
Leigh	4	9	2.3	7	0
Fleming	3	22	7.3	15	0
Sellers	2	54	27.0	42	0
Twilley	2	30	15.0	19	0
Nottingham ...	1	16	16.0	16	0

INTERCEP- TIONS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Anderson	8	163	20.4	38	2
Scott	4	71	17.8	29	0
Kolen	2	54	27.0	29	0

Foley	2	22	11.0	15	0
Johnson	2	19	9.5	17	0

KICKOFF RET.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Morris	11	242	22.0	29	0
Leigh	9	251	27.9	51	0
Scott	2	20	10.0	20	0
Bannon,	1	10	10.0	10	0
Seiple	1	0	0.0	0	0

PUNT RET.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Scott	22	266	12.1	33	0
Leigh	9	64	7.1	26	0
Anderson	6	52	8.7	27	0

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	BLK
Seiple	48	2031	42.3	57	0

SCORING	TDR	TDP	TDs	FG	PAT	Pts.
Yepremian	0	0	0	25	38	113
Warfield	0	11	11	25	38	66
Morris	10	0	10	25	38	60
Csonka	5	0	5	0	0	30
Mandich	0	4	4	0	0	24
Anderson	0	0	2	0	0	12
Briscoe	0	2	2	0	0	12
Foley	0	0	2	0	0	12
Buoniconti	0	0	1	0	0	6
Leigh	0	0	1	0	0	6

Miami All-Time Club Leaders

RUSHING

Larry Csonka, with 1,089 attempts for 5,151 yards and 32 TDs	(1968-'73)
Jim Kliick, with 911 attempts for 3,370 yards and 27 TDs	(1968-'73)

PASSING

Bob Griese, with 12,341 yards, 929 completions, 98 TDs	(1967-'73)
Rick Norton, with 1,751 yards, 156 completions, 6 TDs	(1966-'69)

PASS RECEIVING

Howard Twilley, with 150 receptions, 2,228 yards, 16 TDs	(1966-'73)
Karl Noonan, with 136 receptions, 1,798 yards, 17 TDs	(1967-'72)
Paul Warfield, with 129 receptions, 2,819 yards, 31 TDs	(1970-'73)

INTERCEPTIONS

Dick Anderson, with 32	(1968-'73)
Jack Scott, with 21	(1970-'73)

SCORING

Garo Yepremian, with 442 points	(1970-'73)
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NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

Let Patriots' head coach Chuck Fairbanks tell you how he remembers his first season in the NFL and what he plans to do to make 1974 even more successful:

"1973 was a good starting year for us, but certainly not a great year. Although I was not completely satisfied with the past season, I believe we made real progress in terms of attitude. Our team was competitive throughout the season, and we made positive strides in upgrading our overall personnel.

"The first factor in the upgrading was the unusual advantage of having three first round picks in 1973 which were utilized to select John Hannah, Sam Cunningham and Daryl Stingley. All three players performed quite well for us and we are expecting great things from them in the future. Another facet of the upgrading involves players acquired through the waiver procedure. Most notable in this area were offensive tackle Leon Gray and defensive tackle Arthur Moore.

"The offensive team did a reasonably good job last year. I was not totally satisfied with our progress in the running game, and that is one area I know we must improve during the 1974 season.

"Even though I felt our defense was relatively weak, we made a significant improvement



Jim Plunkett (16) was busiest AFC passer, throwing 376 times.

by allowing our opponents 146 fewer points than in the previous season. One of the most outstanding facets of our defensive play last season was the play of our pass defense."

Fairbanks also notes that the Patriots' schedule, which includes games against five of the eight playoff clubs, is much tougher and that the team will have to play significantly better just to stay equal with their five win record of last season.

New England Veteran Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Pro		No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Pro	
					Age	Yr						Age	Yr
51	Acks, R.	LB	6-2	200	30	7	52	King, S.	LB	6-4	255	23	2
80	Adams, B.	TE	6-2	225	28	5	67	Lenkaitis, B.	G	6-4	250	28	7
85	Adams, J.	DT	6-3	257	26	4	72	Lunsford, M.	DT	6-3	250	24	2
61	Adams, S.	G	6-3	252	26	3	24	McCall, B.	RB	6-0	205	24	2
49	Anderson	S	6-1	180	25	4	38	Martin, D.	CB	5-11	187	25	2
31	Ashton, J.	RB	6-1	202	25	3	28	Mason, D.	S	6-0	199	25	2
78	Banks, W.	G	6-2	250	28	5		Mildren, J.	S	6-1	200	25	3
3	Barnes, B.	P	5-11	212	23	2	75	Moore, A.	DT	6-5	253	23	2
27	Bolton, R.	CB	6-2	170	24	3	56	Morris, J.	C	6-4	248	32	11
29	Boyd, G.	S	6-2	201	24	2	77	Neville, T.	T	6-4	260	31	10
63	Cash, R.	DT	6-5	245	29	6	30	Patrick, W.	RB	6-1	230	28	6
50	Chandler, E.	LB	6-3	225	28	7	54	Peterson, B.	LB	6-3	226	29	5
39	Cunningham	RB	6-3	224	24	2	16	Plunkett, J.	QB	6-2	210	27	4
66	Dorsey, N.	DE	6-4	240	24	2	76	Rowe, D.	DT	6-7	265	29	8
14	Dowling	QB	6-2	198	27	3	33	Rucker, R.	WR	6-2	190	27	5
58	Dumler	C	6-3	242	24	2	11	Shiner, D.	QB	6-0	201	32	11
22	Durko, S.	S	6-1	186	26	4	65	Smith, D.	DE	6-4	245	25	3
55	Foster, W.	LB	6-2	230	26	2	60	St. Jean, L.	G	6-0	250	33	11
55	Geddes, B.	LB	6-2	240	28	2	59	Stenger, B.	LB	6-4	241	27	6
	Gordon, D.	WR	5-11	190	30	10	84	Stingley, D.	WR	6-0	195	23	2
70	Gray, L.	DT	6-3	256	23	2	53	Tanner, J.	LB	6-4	235	29	3
71	Hamilton, R.	DE	6-1	232	23	2	36	Tarver, J.	RB	6-3	216	25	3
73	Hannah, J.	G	6-2	265	23	2	18	Vataha, R.	WR	5-10	170	26	4
	Harkey, S.	RB	6-0	215	25	3	43	Welch, C.	RB	5-11	203	27	5
42	Herron, M.	RB	5-5	170	26	2	2	White, J.	K	5-10	167	26	2
23	Hoey, G.	CB	5-10	180	28	4	86	Windsor, B.	TE	6-4	225	32	8

New England Schedule

September 15	MIAMI	1:00 p.m.
September 22	at New York Giants	1:00 p.m.
September 29	LOS ANGELES	1:00 p.m.
October 6	BALTIMORE	1:00 p.m.
October 13	at New York Jets	1:00 p.m.
October 20	at Buffalo	1:00 p.m.
October 27	at Minnesota	1:00 p.m.
November 3	BUFFALO	1:00 p.m.
November 10	CLEVELAND	1:00 p.m.
November 17	NEW YORK JETS	1:00 p.m.
November 24	at Baltimore	2:00 p.m.
December 8	PITTSBURGH	1:00 p.m.
December 15	at Miami	1:00 p.m.

New England Key Players



JULIUS ADAMS, DT, 6-3, 257, 4th yr., age 26, TEXAS SOUTHERN
Third season was good one. Coach Fairbanks termed Adams' 73 performance as most consistent of defensive linemen. Was AFC rookie of the year in '71, but had sophomore problems when shifted outside. Best pass rusher on the squad. Pats' second round choice in 1971.

RALPH ANDERSON, DB, 6-1, 180, 4th yr., age 25, W. TEXAS ST.
"Sticks" was dealt by Pittsburgh to the Patriots prior to the start of regular season play, and moved into starting lineup at strong safety. Originally selected by Steelers in round five of the 1971 draft. Anderson intercepted two passes in his first year with the Pats.



RON BOLTON, CB, 6-2, 170, 3rd yr., age 24, NORFOLK STATE
Bolton is team's best defensive back. Finished with a club leading six interceptions that he returned 65 yards. Fairbanks called him the most improved player on defense. Quickness and tackling ability are his real strength.

SAM CUNNINGHAM, RB, 6-3, 224, 2nd yr., age 24, USC
As expected, Sam "The Bam" was team's leading rusher with 155 carries for 516 yards and four TDs. Cunningham, one of three Patriot first round picks a year ago, also caught 15 passes, including a 34 yard TD. 4.6 speed and superior blocking ability made him one of most sought after pro running back prospects.



LEON GRAY, T, 6-3, 256, 2nd yr., age 23, JACKSON STATE
A ninth round choice of the Dolphins a year ago, Gray had tough time making roster with a team that has Dolphins' offensive line strength. Gray was picked up on waivers by the Patriots and won starting spot at left tackle. His play was one of the reasons why Pats' pass protection was vastly improved.

RAY HAMILTON, DE, 6-1, 232, 2nd yr., age 23, OKLAHOMA
Played for Fairbanks at Oklahoma, and was Patriots' twelfth round choice. Size, speed and quickness helped him win regular spot, and even Coach Fairbanks was surprised at how well he played as a rookie. Strongest asset is his quickness, and it makes him tough to pass block.



JOHN HANNAH, G, 6-2, 265, 2nd yr., age 23, ALABAMA
Alabama's finest offensive lineman to play under the coaching of Bear Bryant, Hannah was first of three Patriot number one picks. Moved right in and started at left guard. Tremendous physical attributes of size, speed and strength enabled him to excel in all phases of offensive line play, including pass protection.

MACK HERRON, RB, 5-5, 170, 2nd yr., age 26, KANSAS STATE
Most spectacular performer on Patriots' squad. Herron was signed as a free agent after being released from his Canadian contract. Produced over 1,800 yards worth of total offense, and should be even more effective as a return specialist now that rules have been changed. Rushed for 200 yards, caught 18 passes for another 265 yards as part time backfield star.





ARTHUR MOORE, DT., 6-5, 253, 2nd yr., age 23, TULSA

Another waiver claim that paid off for Fairbanks. Moore, the Forty-Niners' sixth round pick, was claimed from San Francisco a week before the start of the season. Started 13 games at defensive tackle, and showed great promise.

JON MORRIS, C, 6-4, 248, 11th yr., age 32, HOLY CROSS

Was bothered by injuries last season, but still played in all but one game. One of the most consistent players in Patriot history, Morris was a fourth round pick in 1964. Jon has had ten strong seasons, and was six time all-star.



JIM PLUNKETT, QB, 6-2, 210, 4th yr., age 26, STANFORD

Fairbanks, as you might expect, has gone on record as saying that he is building around Plunkett's magnificent talents. Jim turned in a 1973 performance to rival his first year's production. Benefitting from a vastly improved offensive line, Plunkett had his highest completion avg. yet—51.3 on 193 of 376 attempts for 2,550 yards and 13 TDs.

REGGIE RUCKER, WR, 6-2, 190, 5th yr., age 26, BOSTON U.

Reggie's 53 catches were the most any wide receiver had in the AFC. A former Cowboy and Giant, Reggie was picked up on waivers. Superlative receiving ability and fine speed make him tough assignment for opposing cornerbacks.



RANDY VATAHA, WR, 5-10, 170, 4th yr., age 25, STANFORD

College teammate and favorite target of Plunkett, Vataha has uncanny ability to get open. Has 96 catches in three seasons and has scored 13 times. Another free agent pick-up, Vataha was originally a late round selection of the Rams.

Chuck Fairbanks *Head Coach*



Coaching career spans 18 years at high school and college levels. This is his second year in pro football after completing successful six-year stint at Oklahoma where his teams compiled a 52-15-1 record, including a 3-1-1 post-season mark with wins in the Orange (1967) and Sugar (1971 and 1972) Bowls. Started as student assistant under Duffy Daugherty at Michigan State during spring drills prior to his June, 1955, graduation from MSU. Spent 1955-1957 as head coach at Ishpeming, Mich. High School before becoming defensive backfield coach at Arizona State under Frank Kush. In 1962 he moved to the Univ. of Houston and in 1966 to Oklahoma before being named to the head job in 1967. He is the sixth head coach of the Patriots in the 14-year history of the club. Fairbanks played end on Michigan State's National Championship team of 1952 and the Big Ten Champion of 1953.

New England 1973 Club Leaders

RUSHING	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Cunningham	155	516	3.3	25	4
Tarver	72	321	4.5	28	4
Ashton	93	305	3.3	34	0
Plunkett	44	209	4.8	20	5
Herron	61	200	3.3	17	2
Stingley	6	64	10.7	19	0
McCall	10	15	1.5	14	0
B. Adams	2	7	3.5	4	0

PASSING	Att.	Comp.	Pct	Yds.	TDs	Int
Plunkett	376	193	51.3	2550	13	17
Shiner	4	2	50.0	31	0	0

PASS REC.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Rucker	53	743	14.0	64	3
Windsor	23	348	15.1	36	4
Stingley	23	339	14.7	25	2
Vataha	20	341	17.1	48	2
Herron	18	265	14.7	29	1
Cunningham	15	144	9.6	34	1
B. Adams	14	197	14.1	30	0
Ashton	11	113	10.3	51	0
Tarver	9	51	5.7	13	0
Welch	6	22	3.7	8	0
McCall	3	18	6.0	14	0

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Bolton	6	65	10.8	56	0
Durko	3	26	8.7	16	0
Anderson	2	3	1.3	3	0

Acks	1	11	11.0	11	0
Jackson	1	0	0.0	0	0

KICKOFF RET.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Herron	41	1092	26.6	92	1
Stingley	6	143	23.8	29	0
Rucker	5	103	20.6	42	0
McCall	2	17	8.5	17	0
Tarver	1	17	17.0	17	0
Windsor	1	0	0.0	0	0
Hannah	1	0	0.0	0	0

PUNT RET.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Herron	27	282	10.8	54	0
Stingley	3	21	7.0	16	0
Durko	3	21	7.0	15	0

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long
Barnes	55	2134	38.8	53
White	6	163	27.1	51

SCORING	TDR	TDP	TDs	PAT	FG	Pts.
White	0	0	0	14	21	63
Plunkett	5	0	0	0	0	30
Cunningham	4	1	0	0	0	30
Herron	2	1	1	0	0	24
Tarver	4	0	0	0	0	24
Windsor	0	4	0	0	0	24
Rucker	0	3	0	0	0	18
Vataha	0	2	1	0	0	18
Stingley	0	2	0	0	0	12

New England All-Time Club Leaders

RUSHING

Jim Nance, with 5,323 yards in 1,323 carries for 45 TDs	(1965-'71)
Larry Garron, with 2,992 yards for 761 carries for 14 TDs	(1960-'68)

PASSING

Vito (Babe) Parilli, with 1,047 completions in 2,412 attempts for 132 TDs	(1961-'67)
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PASS RECEIVING

Jim Colclough, with 283 receptions for 5,001 yards and 39 TDs	(1960-'68)
Gino Cappelletti, with 279 receptions for 4,393 yards and 40 TDs	(1960-'70)

INTERCEPTIONS

Ron Hall, with 29	(1961-'67)
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SCORING

Gino Cappelletti, with 1,130 points	(1960-'70)
Jim Colclough, with 234 points	(1960-'68)
Jim Nance, with 234 points	(1965-'71)

NEW YORK JETS



As always, hopes of Jets ride on QB Joe Namath's shaky underpinning.

For the first time since they were known as the Titans, the New York Jets will go into a season with someone other than Weeb Ewbank exercising sideline command. Charley Winner, Ewbank's son-in-law, who spent last season as the Head Coach designate and defensive co-ordinator, takes over as the Jets mentor. Winner is as goal-orientated as his surname would indicate, and he has set some heady targets for the Jets in an effort to convert ambition into reality.

The salient tenet of Winner's reasoning has to do with the importance of Joe Namath's full-

time presence to the way the Jets offense moves the ball. "Joe is a great quarterback," comments Winner, "and he can really be important in getting us back into contention, but (and this is where Winner deviates from the team's ingrained thinking under Ewbank) we can win with Al Woodall too. We have complete confidence in Al. In the past, this club has depended too much on Joe. I have great respect for Joe and for what he can do, but we won't have that let down feeling as in the past if we don't have him."

Winner has taken somewhat of a viable step toward attaining results by presiding over the most productive draft the Jets have had in some time. Number one pick Carl Barzilauskas is expected to strengthen and significantly upgrade the performance of the Front Four. Goodwin Turk, a hard-hitting and almost savage linebacker from Southern is in the mold of Isiah Robertson of the Rams, and will no doubt attain regular status almost immediately. Greg Gantt, Alabama's excellent punter, is expected to covert a weakness into an asset.

It would not be unrealistic to expect the Jets to be more of a competitive factor in the AFC Eastern struggle, even if Joe Namath is less than a full time performer.

New York Veteran Roster

						Pro												Pro									
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.
1	Adamle	RB	5-9	193	24	4	84	Lomas, M.	DE	6-4	250	26	5	85	McClain, C.	RB	6-0	212	26	5	86	Mooring, J.	T-C	6-6	255	27	4
26	Adkins	WR	5-10	183	27	5	71	Mooring, J.	T-C	6-6	255	27	4	12	Namath, J.	QB	6-2	200	31	10	87	Neal, R.	DT-DE	6-3	260	26	6
62	Atkinson	LB	6-2	230	31	10	12	Namath, J.	QB	6-2	200	31	10	81	Neal, R.	DT-DE	6-3	260	26	6	22	Owens, B.	S	6-2	200	23	2
51	Baker	LB	6-3	228	32	11	81	Neal, R.	DT-DE	6-3	260	26	6	78	Puetz, G.	G-T	6-3	255	22	2	66	Rasmussen, R.	G	6-2	267	29	8
83	Barkum	WR	6-4	212	24	3	22	Owens, B.	S	6-2	200	23	2	44	Riggins, J.	RB	6-2	230	25	4	52	Schmitt, J.	C	6-4	250	31	11
7	Bell	WR	5-10	160	27	5	78	Puetz, G.	G-T	6-3	255	22	2	46	Sowells, R.	CB	6-0	185	25	4	59	Spicer, R.	LB	6-4	238	23	2
40	Bjorklund	RB	6-1	200	24	3	66	Rasmussen, R.	G	6-2	267	29	8	76	Svihus, B.	T-G	6-4	245	31	10	21	Tannen, S.	S-CB	6-1	194	26	5
32	Boozer	RB	5-11	205	31	9	44	Riggins, J.	RB	6-2	230	25	4	50	Taylor, M.	LB	6-1	223	24	3	87	Thompson, S.	DT	6-5	250	29	6
30	Cambal	TE	6-3	228	25	2	52	Schmitt, J.	C	6-4	250	31	11	45	Thomas, E.	CB	6-1	190	28	5	29	Turner, R.	WR-S	6-0	199	24	3
88	Caster	TE	6-5	228	25	5	21	Tannen, S.	S-CB	6-1	194	26	5	87	Thompson, S.	DT	6-5	250	29	6	27	Wise, P.	S	6-0	190	25	4
6	Demory	QB	6-2	195	23	2	50	Taylor, M.	LB	6-1	223	24	3	72	Woods, R.	T	6-3	255	24	2	18	Woodall, Al	QB	6-5	194	28	6
55	Ebersole, J.	LB	6-3	235	25	5	45	Thomas, E.	CB	6-1	190	28	5	53	Zapalac, B.	LB	6-4	225	26	4	82	Knight, D.	WR	6-1	182	23	2
10	Fagan, J.	P	6-3	205	26	5	87	Thompson, S.	DT	6-5	250	29	6								57	Little, J.	DT	6-3	250	27	5
19	Farasopoulos, C.S	C.S	5-11	190	25	4	29	Turner, R.	WR-S	6-0	199	24	3														
58	Ferguson, B.	LB	6-3	225	23	2	27	Wise, P.	S	6-0	190	25	4														
85	Galigher, Ed	DE	6-4	260	23	3	72	Woods, R.	T	6-3	255	24	2														
54	Harrell, R.	C	6-3	238	23	2	18	Woodall, Al	QB	6-5	194	28	6														
75	Hill, W.	T	6-4	280	32	12	53	Zapalac, B.	LB	6-4	225	26	4														
20	Howell, D.	CB	6-4	200	26	5																					
3	Howfield, B.	K	5-9	180	37	7																					
86	Jackson, J.	DE-DT	6-4	270	25	3																					
82	Knight, D.	WR	6-1	182	23	2																					
57	Little, J.	DT	6-3	250	27	5																					

New York Schedule

September 15	.....at Kansas City	.....3:00 p.m.
September 22	.....at Chicago	.....1:00 p.m.
September 29	.....at Buffalo	.....1:00 p.m.
October 7	.....at Miami (Mon.)	.....9:00 p.m.
October 13	.....NEW ENGLAND	.....1:00 p.m.
October 20	.....BALTIMORE	.....1:00 p.m.
October 27	.....LOS ANGELES	.....1:00 p.m.
November 3	.....HOUSTON	.....1:00 p.m.
November 10	.....at New York Giants	.....1:00 p.m.
November 17	.....at New England	.....1:00 p.m.
November 24	.....MIAMI	.....1:00 p.m.
December 1	.....SAN DIEGO	.....1:00 p.m.
December 8	.....BUFFALO	.....1:00 p.m.
December 15	.....at Baltimore	.....2:00 p.m.

New York Key Players



RALPH BAKER, LB, 6-3, 228, 11th yr., age 32, PENN STATE

Baker's tenth season was one of his finest since coming to the Jets as a sixth round draft choice from Penn State in 1964. Winner termed Baker's 1973 performance as being the most consistent of the regular linebackers. Ralph had four pass thefts last season to tie for the club leadership.

JEROME BARKUM, WR, 6-4, 212, 3rd yr., age 24, JACKSON ST.

Barkum finally showed the form that prompted the Jets to make him their number one selection in 1972. After an almost futile rookie year, Barkum exploded on the NFL receiving scene with a 44-catch performance that netted him 810 yards and 6 TDs as well as Pro Bowl honors.



EMERSON BOOZER, RB, 5-11, 205, 9th yr., age 31, MD-ERN SHORE

Fortunately for the Jets' offense that was handicapped by the inability of John Riggins to perform up to his form, Boozer filled the void by turning in his most productive rushing performance in his eight year career. Emerson ran for 831 yards on a 4.6 average for 182 carries, and scored three times.

RICHARD CASTER, TE, 6-5, 228, 5th yr., age 25, JACKSON ST.

Caster played somewhat below his Pro-Bowl form of the previous season, but still managed to collect 35 Namath / Woodall passes for 593 yards and four end zone appearances. Rich, whose size and speed make him a super TE prototype, has had difficulty holding onto the football.



JOHN EBERSOLE, MLB, 6-3, 235, 5th yr., age 25, PENN STATE

Ebersole reached starting status for the first time last season, and with the anticipated relocation of Al Atkinson, John is expected to be the club's regular MLB. Ebersole spent three very productive seasons as the scourge of the Jets' special teams before his promotion.

WINSTON HILL, T, 6-4, 280, 12th yr., age 32, TEXAS SOUTHERN

Hill is quite simply the finest offensive lineman in the history of the Jets / Titans franchise. Winny excels as a pass blocker, and is often given the highest of defensive compliments when he is continuously labeled as the best holder in the league. Hill is an eight time Pro-Bowl performer.



DELLES HOWELL, CB, 6-4, 200, 5th yr., age 16, GRAMBLING

Howell, obtained from the Saints where he had been a full-time starter since his rookie season, played his way into the regular lineup at right corner. His 6-4 size makes him the tallest corner in the game, and his height has been a great factor in assisting him to pick off a career total of 13 enemy aials.

MARK LOMAS, DE, 6-4, 250, 5th yr., age 26, N. ARIZONA

Lomas is the team's best defensive lineman, and an extraordinarily effective pass rusher who has played well in the place of the legendary Gerry Philbin. Before attaining regular status late in the 1971 season, Lomas had played three of the four front line positions. Was Jets' eighth round pick in 1970 draft.





JOE NAMATH, 6-2, 200, 10th yr., age 31, ALABAMA

Hard to believe, but this will be Joe Willie's tenth pro season. Unfortunately, the last four years have been a continuing nightmare of injuries that have caused him to miss 28 of the club's 56 regular season contests. Last year was no exception, as Joe missed eight games.

BURGESS OWENS, DB, 6-2, 200, 2nd yr., age 23, MIAMI

Owens more than lived up to the advance billing that had scouts predicting him to be among the top defensive backs to come out of the college ranks in recent years. Burgess was slated to play the corner, a traditional Jet weak-spot, but Ewbank was compelled to install his highly regarded rookie at strong safety.



JOHN RIGGINS, RB, 6-2, 230, 4th yr., age 25, KANSAS

Knowledgeable observers of the Jet scene are of the opinion that it was the absence of Riggins at full strength more than the loss of Namath that destroyed the offensive potential of the Jets last year. Riggins never did get into proper shape, and was nowhere near the kind of runner that produced 1,713 yards in his first two seasons with the team.

EARLIE THOMAS, DB, 6-1, 190, 5th yr., age 28, COLO. STATE

Regarded by many pro scouts as one of the most underrated cornerbacks in the league, Thomas was the single most effective pass defender in the Jets' secondary prior to last season. Last year both Owens and Howell improved the overall Jet coverage to the point where Earlie was tested more often.



AL WOODALL, QB, 6-5, 195, 6th yr., age 28, DUKE

Although no one in power has come right out and declared such a situation, there is some feeling that the Jets may well have a competitive QB situation for the first time since the summer of 1965. The reason why Namath will have to earn the Jets' number one job can be found in the performance of the injury-plagued Al Woodall who finished 1973 with 101 completions in 201 attempts.

Charley Winner
Head Coach



Winner is an energetic man who has spent the past 19 years of his life coaching pro football. The 47-year-old Winner joined the Jets last season (1973) as an assistant to head coach Weeb Ewbank and then assumed full command under a three-year contract in 1974. Charley, formerly head coach of the St. Louis Cardinals, has an association with the NFL that dates back to 1954 when he went to Baltimore as an assistant under Ewbank. In the course of 12 years with the Colts, Winner was in charge of the ends, the defensive backs, the linebackers and eventually took over the entire defense as head coordinator. In 1966, he accepted the head coaching position of the Cardinals, a post he held for five years. Winner moved to Washington as coach of the defensive backs in 1971 and helped propel the Redskins into the playoffs and Super Bowl.

New York 1973 Club Leaders

RUSHING	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs					
Boozar	182	831	4.6	52	3	Tannen	1	30	30.0	30 0
Riggins	134	482	3.6	15	4	Owens	1	27	27.0	27 0
Adamle	67	264	3.9	36	0	Spicer	1	12	12.0	27 0
Nance	18	78	4.3	18	0	Atkinson	1	11	11.0	11 0
Bjorklund	22	72	3.3	14	0	Farasopoulos	1	1	1.0	1 0
Woodall	13	68	5.2	17	0	Ebersole	1	0	0.0	0 0
Fagan	2	47	23.5	26	0					
McClain	8	32	4.0	13	0					
Demory	4	1	0.3	0	0					

PASSING	Att.	Comp.	Pct	Yds.	TDs	Int						
Namath	133	68	51.1	966	5	6	McClain	5	89	17.8	21	0
Woodall	201	101	50.2	1228	9	8	Adamle	5	79	15.8	26	0
Demory	39	12	30.8	159	2	8	PUNT RET. No. Yds. Avg. Long TDs					
							Farasopoulos	14	111	7.9	23	0

PASS REC.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs	Tannen	2	0	0.0	0	0
Barkum	44	810	18.4	63	6	Knight	0	0	0.0	0	0

PASSING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	
Fagan	74	2744	37.1	58	

SCORING	TDR	TDP	TDs	PAT	FG	Pts.
Howfield	0	0	0	27	17	78
Boozar	3	3	0	0	0	36
Barkum	0	6	0	0	0	36
Riggins	4	0	0	0	0	24
Caster	0	4	0	0	0	24
Bell	0	2	0	0	0	12
Knight	0	1	0	0	0	6
Baker	0	0	1	0	0	6
Sowells	0	0	1	0	0	6
Owens	0	0	1	0	0	6
Wise	0	0	1	0	0	6

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Howell	4	76	19.0	41	0
Baker	4	51	12.8	22	1
Sowells	3	55	18.3	30	1
Thomas	2	25	12.5	25	0

New York All-Time Club Leaders

RUSHING		
Matt Snell, with 4,285 yards in 1,057 carries, 24 TDs	(1964-'71)	
Bill Mathis, with 3,589 yards in 1,044 carries, 37 TDs	(1960-'69)	

PASSING		
Joe Namath, with 1,374 completions for 21,065 yards, 131 TDs	(1965-'73)	

PASS RECEIVING		
Don Maynard, with 627 receptions for 11,732 yards, 88 TDs	(1960-'72)	
George Sauer, with 309 receptions for 4,965 yards, 28 TDs	(1965-'70)	

INTERCEPTIONS		
Bill Baird, with 34	(1963-'69)	
Dainard Paulson, with 29	(1965-'70)	

SCORING		
Jim Turner, with 697 points	(1964-'70)	
Don Maynard, with 534 points	(1960-'72)	

OAKLAND RAIDERS



Oakland defensive line is anchored by awesome Bubba Smith (77).

It remains to be seen how much the WFL-enforced Lame Duck situation affects the play of the Oakland Raiders, a team that more than any other club, with the exception of the Dolphins, has been damaged by future commitments on the part of top performers to the fledgling rival league.

Other than that, the Oakland Raiders go into the 1974 season in possession of everything that is emblematic of a winning team.

Even though the Raiders ended the great Dolphin winning streak with a 12-7 upset win in the second week of play, the usual potent Oakland offense was virtually non-existent until John Madden elected to make full-time use of the strong-armed talents of Ken Stabler. The Snake responded well to the

challenge, and at the close of regular season play, Stabler was by far one of the most productive passers in the entire league.

Oakland's offensive line includes such stalwart All-Pros as Jim Otto, Gene Upshaw and Art Shell. Defensively, the Raiders were a much improved club. The play of the Oakland front four, sparked by Otis Sistrunk and Art Thoms, was extremely effective against the run, and finished second in the NFL defensive stats. The team's pass rush, mainly because of Bubba Smith's inability to return to top form, must show improvement over the way that they played a year ago.

Overall, Oakland is a good bet to win it all in the AFC West.

Oakland Veteran Roster

Pro.						Pro					
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age Yr	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age Yr.
27	Allen	S	6-1	190	26 5	71	Korver, K.	Dt	6-6	270	25 2
43	Atkinson	S	6-0	180	27 5	3	Lamonica, D.	QB	6-3	215	33 12
40	Banaszak	RB	5-11	210	30 9	42	Maxwell, T.	S	6-2	195	27 6
46	Bankston	TE	6-4	235	27 6	88	Moore, B.	TE	6-3	220	25 4
25	Biletnikoff	WR	6-1	190	31 10	00	Otto, J.	C	6-2	255	36 15
16	Blanda	QB-K	6-2	215	46 25	47	Queen, J.	RB-TE	6-1	217	28 6
21	Branch	WR	5-11	170	26 3	65	Seiler, P.	C-T	6-4	260	28 6
76	Brown, B.	T	6-4	280	32 11	78	Shell, A.	T	6-5	265	27 7
24	Brown, W.	CB	6-1	195	33 12	49	Siani, M.	WR	6-2	195	24 3
64	Buehler	G	6-2	260	27 6	60	Sistrunk, O.	DT	6-4	255	26 3
51	Carroll	LB	6-1	220	24 3	77	Smith, B.	DE	6-7	265	28 7
84	Cline	DE	6-3	244	26 5	23	Smith, C.	RB	6-0	205	28 7
55	Connors, D.	LB	6-1	230	32 11	12	Stabler, K.	QB	6-3	215	28 5
50	Dalby, D.	C-G	6-2	240	23 3	89	Sweeney, S.	WR	6-3	205	23 2
83	Davidson, B.	DE	6-8	280	34 12	32	Tatum, J.	S	5-11	200	25 4
28	Davis, C.	RB	5-10	195	25 4	26	Thomas, A.	CB-S	6-1	205	24 3
8	Guy, R.	K	6-3	190	24 2	80	Thoms, A.	DT	6-5	260	27 6
36	Hudson, B.	Rb	5-11	205	25 3	63	Upshaw, G.	G	6-5	255	29 8
44	Hubbard, M.	RB	6-1	225	28 6	75	Vella, J.	T	6-4	255	24 3
86	Irons, G.	LB	6-2	230	27 5	41	Villapiano, P.	LB	6-2	222	25 4
58	Johnson, M.	LB	6-4	235	22 2	20	Warren, J.	CB-S	5-11	175	35 11
82	Jones, H.	DE	6-3	255	25 4	52	Weaver, G.	LB	6-1	244	25 2
33	Kopay, D.	RB	6-0	218	32 11	48	Wilson, N.	CB	6-0	165	31 10

Oakland Schedule

September 16	at Buffalo (Mon.)	9:00 p.m.
September 22	KANSAS CITY	1:00 p.m.
September 29	at Pittsburgh	4:00 p.m.
October 6	at Cleveland	1:00 p.m.
October 13	SAN DIEGO	1:00 p.m.
October 20	CINCINNATI	1:00 p.m.
October 27	at San Francisco	1:00 p.m.
November 3	at Denver	2:00 p.m.
November 10	DETROIT	1:00 p.m.
November 17	at San Diego	1:00 p.m.
November 24	DENVER	1:00 p.m.
December 1	NEW ENGLAND	1:00 p.m.
December 8	at Kansas City	3:00 p.m.
December 14	DALLAS (Sat.)	6:00 p.m.

Oakland Key Players



FRED BILETNIKOFF, WR, 6-1, 190, 10th yr., age 31, FLA. ST.

Despite the fact that this will be Biletnikoff's tenth season, he shows absolutely no sign whatsoever of slowing down. Does everything well, and has all the traits of a true superstar. Has now led Raiders in receiving for six straight seasons and finished '73 schedule with 48 receptions for 660 yards and four TDs.

WILLIE BROWN, CB, 6-1, 195, 12th yr., age 33, GRAMBLING

Brown continues as one of the finest cornerbacks in pro football. However, this season will offer heavy challenge to his bump-and-run style because of new rule changes. Originally signed as a free agent with the Oilers, Brown was also with the Broncos before coming to Oakland.



RAY GUY, K, 6-3, 190, 2nd yr., age 24, SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

Raiders' top choice of a year ago, Guy came within a decimal point (45.3) of leading the league in punting average as a rookie, and was named to the AFC Pro Bowl over Jerrel Wilson of the Chiefs. Has ability to kick the ball long and hang his punts high—Guy has an unbelievable hang time of 5.5 seconds.

MARV HUBBARD, RB, 6-1, 225, 6th yr., age 28, COLGATE

Hubbard is the best of the rest of the AFC fullbacks (Csonka is in a world of his own). Marv had an excellent '73 season, and wound up with 903 yards in 193 attempts for a 4.7 average, and scored six times.



GERALD IRONS, LB, 6-2, 230, 5th yr., age 27, MD. EAST. SHORE

A surprise third round pick of the Raiders in 1970, Irons has developed into an outstanding linebacker. Has played both the middle and the right side. Irons was a starter for the past two seasons, and his play in regular season triumph over Dolphins helped Raider linebacking unit in being named outstanding defensive player of the week.

ART SHELL, T, 6-5, 265, 7th yr., age 27, MD-EASTERN SHORE

Shell is one heck of an offensive tackle, and belonged in the Pro Bowl. Said to be the best pass blocker on the team, Shell is also rugged strong point of the Raider running game. Has been Raider starter for past four seasons after serving two year special team apprenticeship. Was Raiders' third round pick in 1968.



MIKE SIANI, WR, 6-2, 195, 3rd yr., age 24, VILLANOVA

Ended his college career as the fifth ranked receiver in NCAA history, and scored 33 TDs. Still considered a sleeper even though selected in first round. Instant starter for the Raiders, and while not nearly as explosive as Warren Wells, Siani has the uncanny ability to get open. Much faster than he looks.

OTIS SISTRUNK, DT, 6-4, 255, 3rd yr., age 26, NO COLLEGE

A cousin of the Redskins' Manny Sistrunk, Otis did not attend college but played three seasons of minor league ball with the Norfolk Neptunes. Was in the Ram training camp two years ago, and sparkled in rookie scrimmage with Raiders. Al Davis stole him from LA for a low draft choice.





BUBBA SMITH, 6-7, 265, 7th yr., age 28, MICHIGAN ST.

Big Bubba was a Big Disappointment last season, after coming to Raiders in exchange for Raymond Chester in most talked about trade of the season. Troubled by severe complications from his serious knee surgery the year before, Smith was not nearly as effective a pass rusher as Al Davis had hoped he would be.

KEN STABLER, QB, 6-3, 215, 5th yr., age 28, ALABAMA

Despite his signing a multi-year contract with Birmingham of the WFL, Stabler is still expected to be the Raiders' starting quarterback, a role he richly deserves. Accuracy is The Snake's greatest weapon. He broke Sammy Baugh's one game completion percentage record with a blistering 25 of 29 performance against the Colts.



JACK TATUM, DB, 5-11, 200, 4th yr., age 25, OHIO STATE

Regarded by fellow players as the hardest-hitting free safety in the league, is the finest overall offensive guard in the game. He's put to sleep and caused to leave games early, Tatum is also an excellent defender against the pass, and has nine career interceptions.

GENE UPSHAW, G, 6-5, 255, 8th yr. age 29, TEXAS A&M

Gene Upshaw, in the opinion of many defensive tackles in the league, is the finest overall offensive guard in the game. He excels at leading sweeps, and is adept at annihilating opposing cornerbacks. Offensive Captain, Upshaw is on-the-field leader. Oakland's number one pick in 1967.



PHIL VILLAPIANO, LB, 6-2, 222, 4th yr., age 25, BOWL. G'N.

Has now started 42 consecutive games at left linebacking spot, and is regarded as finest young linebacker in the AFC. Made first Pro-Bowl appearance last year, and should become perennial All-League selection. Excellent pass defender, and hard-hitting tackler who comes up with the big play.

**John Madden
Head Coach**



Madden's Raiders teams have had nothing but winning records since the former San Diego State assistant joined Oakland. His first team in 1969 produced an excellent 12-1-1 mark after which he was named Coach of the Year. His other marks are 8-4-2 in 1970, 10-3-1 in 1972 and 9-4-1 in 1973. One of the youngest coaches ever to be in charge of an NFL Pro Bowl team, he was head coach of AFC all-stars in 1971. Prior to taking charge of the Raider staff, Madden served as linebacking mentor in 1967-68. Overall his Raiders clubs have won at a 76 per cent clip (38-12-6). Started coaching career at age 23 at Hancock Junior College in 1960. The year before he had been with the Philadelphia Eagles but a knee injury halted his pro playing days. Graduated from Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo, where he was an all-conference tackle and a catcher on the baseball team. At age 38, he is the NFL's youngest head coach.

Oakland 1973 Club Leaders

RUSHING	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Hubbard	193	903	4.7	50	6
Smith	173	682	3.9	19	4
Davis	116	609	5.3	32	4
Banaszak	34	198	5.8	26	0
Stabler	21	101	4.8	13	0
Guy	1	21	21.0	21	0
Hudson	4	3	0.8	5	0

Thomas	2	24	12.0	12	0
Irons	2	19	9.5	10	0
Tatum	1	26	26.0	26	0
Korver	1	12	12.0	12	0
Villapiano	1	6	6.0	6	0
Warren	1	0	0.0	0	0

KICKOFF RET.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Davis	19	504	26.5	76	0
Hudson	14	350	25.0	36	0
Banaszak	3	48	16.0	26	0
Smith	2	23	11.5	23	0
Bankston	1	12	12.0	12	0

PASSING	Att.	Comp.	Pct	Yds.	TDs	Int
Stabler	260	163	62.7	1997	14	10
Lamonica	90	42	45.2	614	2	8

PASS REC.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Biletznikoff	48	660	13.8	32	4
Siani	45	742	16.5	80	3
Moore	34	375	11.0	33	4
Smith	28	260	9.3	20	1
Branch	19	290	15.3	54	3
Hubbard	15	116	7.7	25	0
Davis	7	76	10.9	19	0
Banaszak	6	31	5.2	9	0
Sweeney	2	52	26.0	34	1
Hudson	1	9	9.0	9	0

PUNT RET.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Atkinson	41	336	8.2	63	1
Maxwell	4	8	2.0	9	0
Hudson	0	0	0.0	0	0
Warren	1	0	0.0	0	0

SCORING	TDR	TDP	TDs	PAT	FG	Pts.
Blanda	0	0	0	31	23	100
Hubbard	6	0	6	0	0	36
Smith	4	1	5	0	0	30
Biletznikoff	0	4	4	0	0	24
Davis	4	0	4	0	0	24
Moore	0	4	4	0	0	24
Branch	0	3	3	0	0	18
Siani	0	3	3	0	0	18
Atkinson	0	0	2	0	0	12
Sweeney	0	1	1	0	0	6

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Atkinson	3	48	16.0	36	0
Wilson	3	28	9.3	20	0
Brown	3	-1	-0.3	0	0

Oakland All-Time Club Leaders

RUSHING

Clem Daniels, with 5,103 yards in 1,133 carries	(1961-'67)
Marv Hubbard, with 3,235 yards in 665 carries	(1969-'73)
Hewitt Dixon, with 2,960 yards in 731 carries	(1966-'70)

PASSING

Darryle Lamonica, with 1,135 completions in 2,239 attempts for 16,620 yards and 147 TDs	(1967-'73)
Tom Flores with 810 completions in 1640 attempts for 11,635 yards and 92 TDs	(1960-'66)

PASS RECEIVING

Fred Biletznikoff, with 408 receptions for 5,512 yards and 53 TDs	(1965-'72)
Art Powell, with 254 receptions for 4,491 yards and 50 TDs	(1963-'66)

INTERCEPTIONS

Dave Grayson, with 29	(1965-'70)
Willie Brown, with 26	(1967-'73)
Fred Williamson, with 25	(1961-'64)

SCORING

George Blanda, with 703 points	(1967-'73)
Clem Daniels, with 324 points	(1962-'67)

PITTSBURGH STEELERS



Terry Bradshaw must boost percentage if Steelers are to win.

The Steelers, despite the fact that they were eliminated in the first round of post-season action by the Raiders (which in a way was poetic justice of the highest sort) are still one of the youngest teams in the league. Chuck Noll is striving to become the first Steeler head coach to put three winning seasons together in succession, and the odds are that his defense will be the force that makes it possible.

For the second straight season, the Steeler secondary, led by Mike Wagner, Glen Ed-

wards and Mel Blount as well as the since-traded John Rowser, paced the league in interceptions with a club record 37. Added to that were the 18 fumble recoveries by the cement-like defense, a figure that when combined with the interceptions gave Noll's defensive troops an astounding total of 55 take-aways. The secret to this kind of play can be found in the way the Steelers pressure opposing passers. With a front four dominated by Joe Greene, L. C. Greenwood and Dwight White, and featuring valuable contributions from former Raider, Tom Keating, the Steelers very rarely resort to blitzing tactics, thus forcing opposing passers to throw into seven man coverages while under constant pressure.

The running game, with Harris and Fuqua completely healthy, should revert to its top form exhibited in 1972, and Steve Davis, a highly coveted reserve back, should see even more playing time, as will Preston Pearson. The Steelers, next to the Raiders, figure to have the most depth at QB in the league, with Terry Hanratty and Joe Gilliam supplying added strength in what was a very attrition-prone position for the Steelers of a year ago. Noll should easily become the first Steeler coach to post three consecutive winning records.

Pittsburgh Veteran Roster

						Pro												Pro									
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.
20	Bleier, R.	RB	5-11	210	28	6	32	Harris, F.	RB	6-2	230	24	3	48	Harris, F.	RB	6-2	230	24	3	48	Harris, F.	RB	6-2	230	24	3
47	Blount, M.	CB	6-3	205	26	5	76	Hines, G.	T	6-5	265	30	9	76	Hines, G.	T	6-5	265	30	9	76	Hines, G.	T	6-5	265	30	9
38	Bradley, E.	LB	6-2	239	24	3	63	Holmes, E.	DT	6-3	260	26	3	63	Holmes, E.	DT	6-3	260	26	3	63	Holmes, E.	DT	6-3	260	26	3
12	Bradshaw, T.	QB	6-3	218	25	5	77	Holmes, M.	G	6-3	251	24	4	77	Holmes, M.	G	6-3	251	24	4	77	Holmes, M.	G	6-3	251	24	4
87	Brown, L.	TE	6-4	229	25	4	74	Keating, T.	DT	6-2	247	31	11	74	Keating, T.	DT	6-2	247	31	11	74	Keating, T.	DT	6-2	247	31	11
50	Clack, J.	C	6-3	250	26	4	55	Kolb, J.	T	6-3	262	27	6	55	Kolb, J.	T	6-3	262	27	6	55	Kolb, J.	T	6-3	262	27	6
85	Davis, D.	WR	6-0	175	26	4	43	Lewis, F.	WR	6-1	196	27	4	43	Lewis, F.	WR	6-1	196	27	4	43	Lewis, F.	WR	6-1	196	27	4
53	Davis, H.	LB	6-3	235	31	7	56	Mansfield, R.	C	6-3	260	33	12	56	Mansfield, R.	C	6-3	260	33	12	56	Mansfield, R.	C	6-3	260	33	12
57	Davis, Sam	G	6-1	255	30	8	89	McMakin, J.	TE	6-3	232	23	3	89	McMakin, J.	TE	6-3	232	23	3	89	McMakin, J.	TE	6-3	232	23	3
35	Davis, Steve	RB	6-1	218	24	3	41	Meyer, D.	S	5-11	186	24	2	41	Meyer, D.	S	5-11	186	24	2	41	Meyer, D.	S	5-11	186	24	2
82	Dicus, C.	WR	6-0	175	25	3	72	Mullins, G.	G-T	6-3	244	25	4	72	Mullins, G.	G-T	6-3	244	25	4	72	Mullins, G.	G-T	6-3	244	25	4
29	Dockery, J.	CB	6-0	185	29	7	83	Pearson, B.	WR	5-11	185	24	3	83	Pearson, B.	WR	5-11	185	24	3	83	Pearson, B.	WR	5-11	185	24	3
27	Edwards, G.	S	6-0	185	27	4	26	Pearson, P.	RB	6-1	205	29	8	26	Pearson, P.	RB	6-1	205	29	8	26	Pearson, P.	RB	6-1	205	29	8
33	Fuqua, J.	RB	5-11	205	27	6	34	Russell, A.	LB	6-2	225	32	10	34	Russell, A.	LB	6-2	225	32	10	34	Russell, A.	LB	6-2	225	32	10
64	Furness, S.	DT-DE	6-4	255	23	3	86	Scolnik, G.	WR	6-3	190	23	2	86	Scolnik, G.	WR	6-3	190	23	2	86	Scolnik, G.	WR	6-3	190	23	2
10	Gerela, R.	K	5-10	185	26	6	25	Shanklin, R.	WR	6-1	190	26	5	25	Shanklin, R.	WR	6-1	190	26	5	25	Shanklin, R.	WR	6-1	190	26	5
17	Gilliam, J.	QB	6-2	187	23	3	24	Thomas, J.	CB-S	6-2	196	23	2	24	Thomas, J.	CB-S	6-2	196	23	2	24	Thomas, J.	CB-S	6-2	196	23	2
71	Gravelle, G.	T	6-5	250	25	3	51	Toews, L.	LB	6-3	212	22	2	51	Toews, L.	LB	6-3	212	22	2	51	Toews, L.	LB	6-3	212	22	2
75	Greene, J.	DT	6-4	275	27	6	66	Van Dyke, B.	G	6-2	255	30	9	66	Van Dyke, B.	G	6-2	255	30	9	66	Van Dyke, B.	G	6-2	255	30	9
68	Greenwood, L.	DE	6-6	245	27	6	23	Wagner, M.	S	6-1	210	25	4	23	Wagner, M.	S	6-1	210	25	4	23	Wagner, M.	S	6-1	210	25	4
59	Ham, J.	LB	6-1	225	25	4	39	Walden, B.	P	6-0	190	36	11	39	Walden, B.	P	6-0	190	36	11	39	Walden, B.	P	6-0	190	36	11
67	Hanneman, C.	DT	6-3	240	25	3	90	Webster, G.	LB	6-4	220	28	8	90	Webster, G.	LB	6-4	220	28	8	90	Webster, G.	LB	6-4	220	28	8
5	Hanratty, T.	QB	6-1	210	26	6	78	White, Dwight	DE	6-4	255	25	3	78	White, Dwight	DE	6-4	255	25	3	78	White, Dwight	DE	6-4	255	25	3

Pittsburgh Schedule

September 15	BALTIMORE	1:00 p.m.
September 22	at Denver	2:00 p.m.
September 29	OAKLAND	4:00 p.m.
October 6	at Houston	1:00 p.m.
October 13	at Kansas City	1:00 p.m.
October 20	CLEVELAND	1:00 p.m.
October 28	ATLANTA (Mon.)	9:00 p.m.
November 3	PHILADELPHIA	1:00 p.m.
November 10	at Cincinnati	4:00 p.m.
November 17	at Cleveland	1:00 p.m.
November 25	at New Orleans (Mon.)	8:00 p.m.
December 1	HOUSTON	1:00 p.m.
December 8	at New England	1:00 p.m.
December 14	CINCINNATI (Sat.)	1:00 p.m.

Pittsburgh Key Players



TERRY BRADSHAW, QB, 6-3, 218, 25th yr., age 25, LA. TECH
1973 was a rough year for Bradshaw who suffered a separated shoulder toward the middle of the season that cost him four full games and parts of others. Improved completion percentage, but threw less TDs and more interceptions than previous year. If fully healthy, Bradshaw should remain Steeler regular QB.

GLEN EDWARDS, DB, 6-0, 185, 4th yr., age 27, FLORIDA A&M
With the departure of Ralph Anderson to the Patriots, Edwards became regular performer in Steeler secondary for first time after serving two year apprenticeship as fifth defensive back. Came up with six interceptions and returned them for club high of 186 yards including an 86 TD return.



JOE GREENE, DT, 6-4, 275, 6th yr., age 27, NORTH TEXAS ST.
Reputed to be premier defensive tackle in NFL, Greene was not up to his usual form last season. Bothered throughout the year by serious back problems. Mean Joe was not the dominating force he had been in the past. Still regarded as one of the best, needs to come all the way back from injury to give Steelers top pass rush in AFC.

L.C. GREENWOOD, DE, 6-6, 245, 6th yr., age 27, ARK. AM&N
Picked up where Greene left off, and turned in best season of Steelers front four. Excellent pass rusher who utilizes superb combination of size and speed to overpower blockers, Greenwood was voted to AFC Pro Bowl unit for first time. One reason for his ascendancy in all-pro ratings is because he plays next to Greene.



JACK HAM, LB, 6-1, 225, 4th yr., age 25, PENN STATE
Typical Penn State linebacking product—tough, hard-nosed tackler who excells at pass coverage. Ham, along with Raiders Villapiano, has to be rated as the top young outside linebacker in the game. Pass coverage ability certified by his 11 career interceptions, including 7 in 1972 All-Pro performance.

TERRY HANRATTY, QB, 6-1, 210, 6th yr., age 26, NOTRE DAME
Proved to be first rate QB when asked to take over for injured Bradshaw before getting hurt himself. Hanratty had eight TD passes in limited appearances, and although still disturbed at back-up role, Terry signed multi-year contract with Steelers when Noll promised him full shot.



FRANCO HARRIS, RB, 6-2, 230, 3rd yr., age 24, PENN STATE
Another Steeler who suffered through an injury-marred campaign, Harris was nowhere near as effective in his second year as a pro as he was the season before. Still, Franco was the club's leading rusher with 698 yards on 188 carries for a 3.7 average and three TDs despite missing two full games.

FRANK LEWIS, WR, 6-1, 196, 4th yr., age 27, GRAMBLING
Top Steeler draft choice in 1971, Lewis was a disappointment in first season but showed great promise in 1972. Was in midst of fulfilling that promise with scintillating nine game performance before suffering continuing series of back and ankle problems. Caught 23 balls for 409 yards and three TDs.





ANDY RUSSELL, LB, 6-2, 225, 10th yr., age 32, MISSOURI

Played entire schedule in great deal of pain with lingering groin injury, and although he was again accorded All-Pro honors, '73 was not as good a season as the year before. When fully healthy, Russell is superb weakside linebacker who excels in passing situations.

RON SHANKLIN, WR, 6-1, 190, 5th yr., age 26, N. TEXAS ST.

Finally gained richly deserved All-League honors after fantastic '73 performance that saw him get the very most out of his 30 catches. Shanklin led the NFL in average yards per catch with a 23.7 mark, and his ten TDs were more than any other AFC receiver except Paul Warfield who had one more.



BRUCE VAN DYKE, G, 6-2, 255, 9th yr., age 30, MISSOURI

Former Eagle reject who came to the Steelers in exchange for the now forgotten Earl Gros, Van Dyke is one of the most consistent guards in the game. Deserved All-Pro status finally accorded him last season. Van Dyke is not only a better than average pulling guard, he also excels at pass protection.

MIKE WAGNER, DB, 6-1, 210, 4th yr., age 25, WEST. ILL.

Steelers' strong-side safety in most situations, Wagner had excellent '73 campaign and tied for league lead in interceptions with eight. Unfortunately, Wagner plays in the same conference as Dick Anderson, and will be hard-pressed to earn All-Pro honors.



DWIGHT WHITE, DE, 6-4, 255, 3rd yr., age 25, EAST TEXAS ST.

Physical, tough and aggressive style cause teammates to call White 'Mad Dog' for the way he overpowers opposing tackles and guards. Dwight's style differs distinctly from that of Greenwood, and he is the gambler on the Steeler front four. Utilizes overpowering strength to run over people.

Chuck Noll
Head Coach



Chuck Noll's coaching brilliance has paid off with two straight play-off appearances for his Steelers, who were 11-3 in 1972 and 10-4 last season. Steady strides have been made since Noll came to Pittsburgh in 1969. That first season saw a 1-13 mark, but it was followed by a 5-9 in 1970 and 6-8 in 1971 setting the stage for last season's division title. As a player, joined Cleveland as one of Paul Brown's messenger guards. In seven seasons with Cleveland, Chuck was on five Eastern Conference winners and two NFL title teams. He retired as a player at age 27 and then caught on with Sid Gillman and the Los Angeles Chargers of the new AFL. Stayed there for six seasons until 1966 when Noll joined Don Shula and the Baltimore Colts. In 1968 he accepted the Steeler position. Graduated from Dayton where he was team captain and all-star linebacker.

Pittsburgh 1973 Club Leaders

RUSHING						Thomas				10 10.0 10 0			
Harris	188	698	3.7	35	3	Dockery	1	0	0.0	0	0		
P. Pearson	132	554	4.2	47	2	KICKOFF RET. No. Yds. Avg. Long TDs							
Fuqua	117	457	3.9	25	2	S. Davis	15	404	26.9	48	0		
S. Davis	67	266	4.0	27	2	Harris	1	23	23.0	23	0		
Bradshaw	34	145	4.3	21	3	Fuqua	1	22	22.0	22	0		
Gilliam	6	23	3.8	14	0	Hanneman	1	20	20.0	20	0		
PASSING						P. Pearson	16	308	19.3	28	0		
Bradshaw	180	89	49.4	1183	10 15	Bleier	3	47	15.7	20	0		
Hanratty	69	31	44.9	643	8 5	PUNT RET. No. Yds. Avg. Long TDs							
Gilliam	60	20	33.3	331	2 6	Edwards	34	376	9.9	44	0		
PASS REC.						Meyer	18	80	4.4	18	0		
Shanklin	30	711	23.7	67	10	Bleier	0	0	0.0	0	0		
Lewis	23	409	17.8	53	3	PUNTING							
B. Pearson	23	317	13.8	46	3	Walden	62	2548	41.1	57			
Fuqua	17	150	8.8	22	0	SCORING							
McMakin	13	195	15.0	44	1	TDR	TDP	TDs	PAT	FG	Pts.		
P. Pearson	11	173	15.7	36	2	Gerela	0	0	0	37	43	123	
Harris	10	69	6.9	19	0	Shanklin	0	10	0	0	0	60	
S. Davis	7	31	4.4	9	1	P. Pearson	2	2	0	0	0	24	
Brown	5	88	17.6	45	0	Bradshaw	3	0	0	0	0	18	
INTERCEP-						Harris	3	0	0	0	0	18	
TIONS						B. Pearson	0	3	0	0	0	18	
Wagner	8	134	16.8	38	0	Lewis	0	3	0	0	0	18	
Edwards	6	186	31.0	86	1	S. Davis	2	1	0	0	0	18	
Rowser	6	131	21.8	71	1	Fuqua	2	0	0	0	0	12	
Blount	4	82	20.5	24	0	McMakin	0	1	0	0	0	6	
Russell	3	54	18.0	45	1	Edwards	0	0	1	0	0	6	
Ham	2	30	15.0	27	0	Wagner	0	0	1	0	0	6	
H. Davis	2	23	11.5	15	0	Ham	0	0	1	0	0	6	
Toews	2	13	6.5	8	0	Russell	0	0	1	0	0	6	
White	2	10	5.0	8	0	Rowser	0	0	1	0	0	6	

Pittsburgh All-Time Club Leaders

RUSHING	
John Henry Johnson, 4,381 yards with 26 TDs	(1959-'64)
PASSING	
Jim Finks, with 611 completions in 1,129 attempts for 8,954 yards and 48 TDs	(1952-'57)
PASS RECEIVING	
Elbie Nickel, with 328 receptions for 5,121 yards and 37 TDs	(1947-'56)
INTERCEPTIONS	
Jack Butler, with 52	(1950-'58)
SCORING	
Roy Gerela, with 320 points	(1971-'73)

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

If the scoreboard fortunes of the San Diego Chargers are to improve under the guidance of new coach Tommy Prothro's admitted offensive genius, people like Garry Garrison and John Unitas will have to remain healthy throughout the length of the regular schedule.

San Diego has a quality offensive line, but while Russ Washington and Terry Owens are quite possibly the finest pair of offensive tackles in football, and Doug Wilkerson is a superbly-gifted guard, the Chargers will be hard pressed to replace the veteran Walt Sweeney, who was exiled to Washington.

Prothro's ball-carriers also have excellent credentials, and if Mike Garrett's is over his fumbleitis of a year ago, he and Cid Edwards should form an excellent front line backfield. Additional help is available in the person of Clint Jones and the Chargers' No. 1 draft selection, the incredibly powerful Bo Mathews of Colorado.

In Garry Garrison and Jerry Levias, the Chargers have an exceptional pair of wide receivers, and Pettis Norman is an excellent blocking tight end. Prothro also will try James Thaxton here, as well as in the backfield to take full advantage of his excellent size and superior speed.



An injury-free Johnny Unitas (19) could change fortunes of Chargers.

The big question is: who plays QB? Unitas will, if he's healthy. If not, Dan Fouts will continue with his on-the-job training.

The Charger defense, which Svare worked so hard at rebuilding by importing proven veteran personnel at incredibly high prices, is in a shambles, mainly because so many of the starters are in probationary limbo.

San Diego Veteran Roster

							Pro														Pro						
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.
79	Bacon, C.	DE	6-4	270	31	7	33	Morrison, R.	RB	6-0	207	29	7	34	Norman, P.	TE	6-3	222	34	13	35	White, R.	LB	6-2	219	25	3
40	Beauchamp, J.	S	6-0	188	30	9	88	Norman, P.	TE	6-3	222	34	13	36	Wilkerson, D.	G	6-3	256	27	5	37	Edwards, C.	RB	6-3	230	30	7
45	Berry, R.	S	5-11	185	25	3	26	Oliver, C.	CB	6-1	184	26	3	38	Holmes, R.	RB	5-10	215	28	7	39	Dunlap, L.	CB	6-2	198	25	4
64	Costa, D.	DT	6-1	250	32	12	76	Owens, T.	T	6-6	268	30	9	41	Holliday, R.	WR	5-9	168	26	2	42	McGee, W.	CB	5-11	178	24	2
61	Dennis, Al	G	6-4	250	23	2	80	Parris, G.	TE	6-2	226	24	2	43	Howard, Bob	CB	6-2	177	29	8	44	Fletcher, C.	S	5-10	182	25	5
52	Douglas, J.	C	6-6	254	23	2	29	Partee, D.	K	6-1	229	28	7	45	Gordon, Ira	T	6-3	278	27	5	46	Smith, R.	S	6-0	203	31	10
39	Dunlap, L.	CB	6-2	198	25	4	57	Rice, F.	LB	6-3	223	25	4	47	Holmes, R.	RB	5-10	215	28	7	48	Smith, R.	S	6-0	203	31	10
37	Edwards, C.	RB	6-3	230	30	7	53	Rogers, M.	LB	6-2	231	27	3	49	Snowden, C.	DE	6-4	253	27	6	50	Stratton, M.	LB	6-3	241	33	13
44	Fletcher, C.	S	5-10	182	25	5	82	Rossovich, T.	LB	6-4	240	28	7	51	Lazetich, P.	DE	6-3	238	24	3	52	Thaxton, J.	TE	6-2	240	25	2
14	Fouts, D.	QB	6-3	193	23	2	48	Smith, R.	S	6-0	203	31	10	53	Mauck, C.	C	6-4	243	27	6	54	Thomas, B.	RB	5-10	202	26	4
20	Garrett, M.	RB	5-9	191	30	9	71	Snowden, C.	DE	6-4	253	27	6	55	McGee, W.	CB	5-11	178	24	2	56	Unitas, J.	QB	6-1	205	41	19
27	Garrison, G.	WR	6-1	195	30	9	58	Stratton, M.	LB	6-3	241	33	13	57	Holmes, R.	RB	5-10	215	28	7	58	Washington, R.	T	6-7	289	27	7
54	Gersbach, C.	LB	6-1	230	27	5	86	Thaxton, J.	TE	6-2	240	25	2	59	Howard, Bob	CB	6-2	177	29	8	60	Wenzel, R.	G	6-2	250	31	8
69	Gordon, Ira	T	6-3	278	27	5	35	Thomas, B.	RB	5-10	202	26	4	61	Jones, C.	RB	6-0	205	29	8	62	Wersching, R.	K	5-11	210	24	2
81	Holliday, R.	WR	5-9	168	26	2	19	Unitas, J.	QB	6-1	205	41	19	63	Lazetich, P.	DE	6-3	238	24	3	64	White, R.	LB	6-2	219	25	3
38	Holmes, R.	RB	5-10	215	28	7	70	Washington, R.	T	6-7	289	27	7	65	LeVias, J.	WR	5-9	177	28	6	66	Wilkerson, D.	G	6-3	256	27	5
24	Howard, Bob	CB	6-2	177	29	8	62	Wenzel, R.	G	6-2	250	31	8	67	Mauck, C.	C	6-4	243	27	6	68	Wirgowski, DE-DT	6-5	257	27	5	
26	Jones, C.	RB	6-0	205	29	8	15	Wersching, R.	K	5-11	210	24	2														
51	Lazetich, P.	DE	6-3	238	24	3	56	White, R.	LB	6-2	219	25	3														
25	LeVias, J.	WR	5-9	177	28	6	63	Wilkerson, D.	G	6-3	256	27	5														
55	Mauck, C.	C	6-4	243	27	6	72	Wirgowski, DE-DT	6-5	257	27	5															
28	McGee, W.	CB	5-11	178	24	2																					

San Diego Schedule

September 15	at Houston	1:00 p.m.
September 22	at Cincinnati	1:00 p.m.
September 29	MIAMI	1:00 p.m.
October 6	PHILADELPHIA	1:00 p.m.
October 13	at Oakland	1:00 p.m.
October 20	at Denver	2:00 p.m.
October 27	KANSAS CITY	1:00 p.m.
November 3	CLEVELAND	1:00 p.m.
November 10	at Kansas City	1:00 p.m.
November 17	OAKLAND	1:00 p.m.
November 24	at Green Bay	1:00 p.m.
December 1	at New York Jets	1:00 p.m.
December 8	CHICAGO	1:00 p.m.
December 15	DENVER	1:00 p.m.

San Diego Key Players



COY BACON, DE, 6-4, 270, 7th yr., age 31, JACKSON STATE
Prothro was surprised to find Bacon's name on Pete Rozelle's probationary list, but will still give him full shot at the defensive end spot he played with Rams when he had 26 sacks while Prothro was Ram boss.

LEONARD DUNLAP, CB, 6-2, 198, age 25, NO. TEX. ST.

A top draft choice of the Colts three years ago, Dunlap was picked up by Chargers at the start of the 1972 season, and has been most effective cornerback on the team during that period. Fine tackler, who can play good defense in man to man and zone situations.



CID EDWARDS, RB, 6-3, 230, 7th yr., age 30, TENN. STATE
Chargers' MVP a year ago, Edwards continued fine play throughout disastrous 1973 season. Was club's leading rusher with 609 yards and a 4.6 average while also catching 25 passes. Fine blocker, good receiver, and Chargers' most consistent offensive performer the past two seasons.

DAN FOUTS, QB, 6-3, 193, 2nd yr., age 23, OREGON

Highly-rated college prospect as a junior, Fouts had poor senior season and Chargers were fortunate to get him in third-round steal. When Unitas was sidelined by assortment of ailments, Dan stepped in as regular QB. Accounted for 1,126 yards on 87 completions for six scores.



MIKE GARRETT, RB, 5-9, 191, 9th yr., age 30, USC
Plagued by early dose of fumbleitis, Garrett spent a lot of time on bench, and no matter how many times a man fumbles, that is no place for a two time 1,000 yard runner. Mike's yardage suffered accordingly and he finished with 467 yards. Only player in NFL/AFL history to run for 1,000 yards on two different teams, Chiefs in 1967 and the Chargers of two seasons ago.

GARY GARRISON, WR, 6-1, 195, 9th yr., age 30, SAN DIEGO ST.

Missed half the season with serious leg injury, and his absence virtually destroyed Charger passing game. Ranks right behind Lance Alworth as most productive Charger receiver. Will enter his ninth pro campaign with career total of 334 receptions for 6,252 yards and 50 TDs.



ROBERT HOLMES, RB, 5-10, 215, 7th yr., age 28, SOUTHERN
Seems to have finally licked weight problems and personal troubles that caused him to go from Chiefs to Oilers and then the Bears before signing on as a free agent with Chargers. Rushed for 289 yards and scored seven TDs in backfield reunion with Garrett, former Chief teammate.

JERRY LEVIAS, WR, 5-9, 177, 6th yr., age 28, SMU

Bouncing back from knee problems that cost him all of 1972 season, LeVias was Chargers leading receiver with 30 grabs good for 536 yards, an almost even 18.0 yards per catch average and three TDs. Little wonder that Prothro singled him out along with Bacon as having the best chance to survive pressure of probation.





TERRY OWENS, T, 6-6, 268, 9th yr., age 30, JACKSONVILLE ST.
Super offensive tackle, Owens does everything demanded of the position well. Former Charger line coach Forest Gregg, onetime All-Pro tackle with Packers, called Owens the Chargers' "most consistent" offensive lineman.

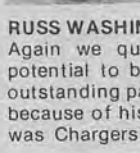
RON SMITH, DB, 6-0, 203, 10th yr., age 31, WISCONSIN

New rule changes affecting punting and kicking game figure to make Smith even more important to Chargers than he was a year ago. 'Ginger Man' excels in returning all kinds of kicks. The former Ram and ex-Bear had two TDs and was the second leading punt returner in the NFL with a 13.0 average.



JOHN UNITAS, QB, 6-1, 205, 19th yr., age 41, LOUISVILLE

Living legend, Unitas goes into 19th pro season and second with the Chargers with questionmark in regard to his ability to play an entire season free of injury. If he does, Charger offense will be geared to ball control attack. Despite limited appearances in 1973 Unitas still managed to pass the 40,000-yard milestone.



RUSS WASHINGTON, T, 6-7, 289, 7th yr., age 27, MISSOURI

Again we quote Gregg, a proven expert, "Washington has potential to become one of best offensive linemen in league; outstanding pass blocker who is often used to lead our pitchouts because of his quickness and ability to block downfield." Russ was Chargers' No. 1 pick in 1968 draft.



DOUG WILKERSON, G, 6-3, 256, 5th yr., age 27, NO. CAR. ST.

A No. 1 selection of the Oilers in 1970, Wilkerson was "stolen" from Houston in second Willie Frazier trade, and has been starter at left guard since coming to the Chargers in 1971. Excellent on running plays, and especially effective on sweeps. Wilkerson pulls as well as any guard in the NFL.

Tommy Prothro *Head Coach*

Prothro was named head coach of the Chargers prior to the 1974 season, replacing Harland Sware, who will now concentrate on his role of General Manager. Prothro was out of football for the 1973 season, after two years as head coach of the L.A. Rams (1971-72). He compiled a 104-55-5 record during 16 years as a college coach. Outstanding blocking back at Duke, 1938-42. Entered college coaching immediately, joining staff at Western Kentucky, 1942. After three years in Navy, became assistant at Vanderbilt, 1946, under Red Sanders. Moved with Sanders to UCLA, 1949, as backfield coach. Accepted head coaching job at Oregon State, 1955, and became instant winner. His Beaver teams compiled 63-37-2 record in 10 years. Returned to UCLA as head coach, 1965, and led Bruins to first winning season since '61 (8-2-1) and 14-12 Rose Bowl victory over Michigan State.



San Diego 1973 Club Leaders

RUSHING	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Edwards	133	609	4.6	50	1
Garrett	114	467	4.1	68	0
Holmes	78	289	3.7	24	7
Jones	55	170	3.1	38	1
Clark	13	86	6.6	16	0

Bacon	1	80	80.0	80	1
Salter	1	20	20.0	20	0

KICKOFF RET.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Smith	36	947	26.3	70	0
McGee	20	423	21.2	50	0
Jones	10	217	21.7	40	0

PASSING	Att.	Comp.	Pct	Yds.	TDs	Int
Fouts	194	87	44.8	1126	6	13
Unitas	76	34	44.7	471	3	7
Clark	90	40	44.4	532	0	9

PUNT RET.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Smith	27	352	13.0	84	2
McGee	6	56	9.3	28	0

PASS REC.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Levias	30	536	17.9	69	3
Edwards	25	164	6.6	28	0
Holmes	19	151	7.9	30	0
Garrett	15	124	8.3	30	1
Garrison	14	292	20.9	51	2
Holliday	14	182	13.0	36	0
Norman	13	200	15.4	24	0
Jones	7	125	17.9	37	0
Thaxton	7	119	17.0	31	2
Williams	7	118	16.9	30	0
Thomas	7	51	7.3	37	1
McGee	3	67	22.3	50	0

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	BLK
Partee	72	2958	41.1	62	3

SCORING	TDR	TDP	TDs	XP	FG	Pts.
Wersching	0	0	0	15	11	48
Holmes	7	0	7	0	0	42
Levias	0	3	3	0	0	18
Garrison	0	2	2	0	0	12
Thaxton	2	0	2	0	0	12
R. Smith	0	0	2	0	0	12
Partee	0	0	0	4	1	7
Bacon	0	0	1	0	0	6
Edwards	1	0	1	0	0	6
Garrett	0	1	1	0	0	6
C. Jones	1	0	1	0	0	6
Rice	0	0	1	0	0	6
Thomas	0	1	1	0	0	6
Holliday	0	0	0	1	0	1

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Howard	5	25	5.0	25	0
Stratton	3	46	15.3	23	0

San Diego All-Time Club Leaders

RUSHING

Paul Lowe, with 4,962 yards in 1,013 attempts, 46 TDs	(1960-'67)
Keith Lincoln, with 2,698 yards in 573 attempts	(1961-'66)

PASSING

John Hadl, with 26,938 yards in 3,461 attempts and 202 TDs	(1962-'72)
Jack Kemp, with 5,996 yards in 815 attempts and 37 TDs	(1960-'62)

PASS RECEIVING

Lance Alworth, with 493 receptions for 9,585 yards, 81 TDs	(1962-'70)
Gary Garrison, with 334 receptions for 6,252 yards, 50 TDs	(1966-'73)

INTERCEPTIONS

Dick Harris with 29	(1960-'65)
Kenny Graham, with 25	(1964-'68)

SCORING

Lance Alworth, with 500 points	(1962-'70)
Gary Garrison, with 300 points	(1966-'70)

THE RULES CHANGES: A NEW BALL GAME?

Spurred by the challenge of the WFL's flashy approach to the upgrading of offensive football, the NFL owners have adopted the most dramatic rule changes in 40 years.

Briefly, the new rules call for:

- The return of missed field goal attempts to the line of scrimmage if such attempts occur from outside the opponents' 20-yard line.

- The movement of the goal posts to the back of the end zone.

- Kick-offs will now take place from the kicking team's 35-yard line.

- On punting situations, the kicking team will not be allowed to start downfield until after the ball is kicked.*

- Reduction of the holding penalty from fifteen to ten yards.

Elimination of the crack-back block used so effectively by wide-receivers. (In future such blocks must be confined to being delivered above the waist.)

- Elimination of the bump-and-run defense in the way defensive backs cover receivers. (Only one bump or blow will be allowed a

defender within a specified three yard area at the line of scrimmage.)

- One overtime period of sudden death will be played in an effort to eliminate ties.

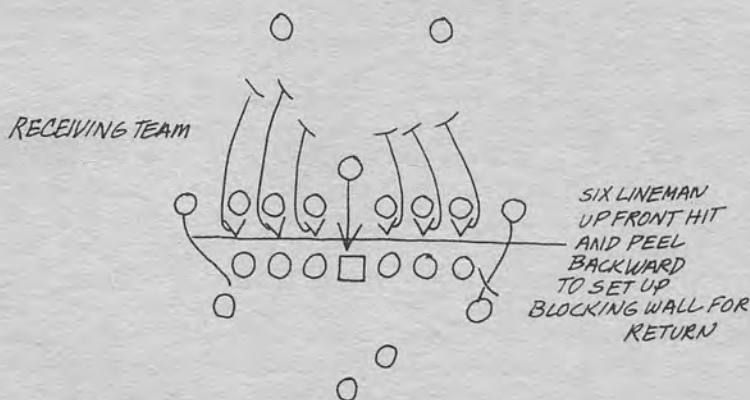
Naturally, the coaching reaction throughout the league was predictable in that very few liked the changes.

Moving the goal post back, and returning unsuccessful field goal attempts to the line of scrimmage, is not a popular change with the coaches.

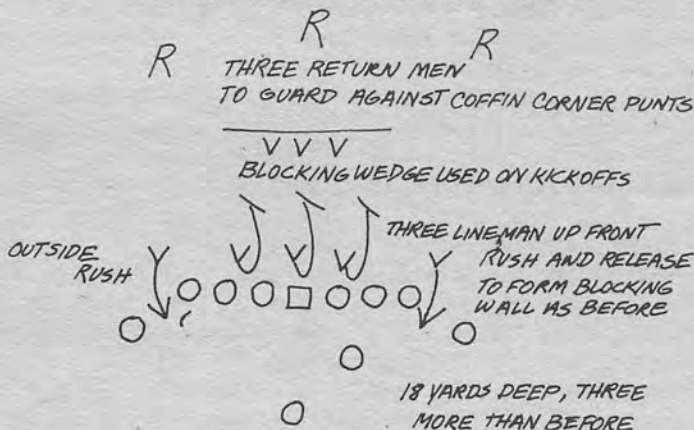
Mike McCormick, boss of the revamped and high-flying Eagles: "It is going to have a detrimental effect on the kicking game. If the ball's on the 35, where you used to have an automatic field goal try, now you have the ball seven yards back plus the ten yards of the end zone, and you're trying a 52-yard field goal. What are the percentages from there? Anything over 40 yards, well, if you hit forty percent it's real good kicking. Plus, with the ball coming back to the line of scrimmage, there are very few coaches who are going to

* Since press time, the punting rule has been modified to allow the outside linemen to run downfield before the ball is kicked.

PUNT FORMATION UNDER OLD RULES
- PUNTER 15 YDS. DEEP



POSSIBLE NEW PUNT FORMATIONS



gamble. Most people will punt."

Nick Skorich, of the Browns: "We'll have to think TD through mid-field. There will be much more emphasis on getting touchdowns."

Dick Nolan, San Francisco: "Because of the distance and return of the ball to the line of

scrimmage if the field goal attempt is missed, I think you will see more attempts to keep a drive going."

Don Shula, the only head coach in attendance at the meeting in which the owners adopted the changes, cast one of the two lone dissenting votes

(the other was by Pittsburgh): "I disapproved of the entire package. Anything done to restrict the field goal actually encourages the punt. The punt is not exciting. What we may see is a return to the coffin-corner kick. Hopefully, that won't be the case. The owners believe it's going to encourage touchdowns. Say it's fourth and one, or fourth and two on the 33-yard line. Instead of going for a 50-yard FG, they believe the tendency will be to go for the first down, or perhaps gamble more often on the third down preceding it."

Chuck Knox of the Rams: "I would guess it would cut down long-range field goals to some extent. I think it will encourage teams to go for first downs more on fourth and one situations. It should create more scoring, and open up the games, which is good for the fans."

Don Coryell, the offense-minded mentor of the Cardinals: "A lot of teams won't play for the tie as they have in the past. The new rules will encourage more offensive play selection, and cause teams to become less conservative."

And, finally, George Allen, who doesn't believe in any kind of change unless it benefits his Redskins and their goal of winning: "If they'd met another day, they probably would have brought back the flying wedge."

In the final analysis, the rule

changes in this area of play have blunted the field goal weapons that were so effective for the teams with kickers who could connect from great distances. However, the excitement of the long-field goal attempts will be replaced by the boredom of the sure shots inside the 30 that will in effect be ten yards longer. Yet most kickers in pro ball are extremely accurate in the 30 yards or under range. True, there may be more missed extra points now that the ball will have to be kicked 19 yards instead of the usual nine.

The kicking rules will put a premium on the best available kick returners and punt return specialists. These players will become a lot more prominent than in the past. You can also expect most coaches to upgrade the personnel of their special teams, reverting back to the past practice of putting some of the best athletes on the suicide squads because of superior ability.

An off-shoot of the hold up rules on kick returns where the kicking club will not be allowed to start downfield until the ball is kicked, will have a number of subtle effects on the way the punt will be utilized. In effect, punting will become an offensive weapon. The coffin-corner kick is expected to return to prominence because downfield pursuit by the kicking team will

be hindered by having to wait until the ball is kicked. The days of the long, booming 50 and 60-yard punts are gone. Now there will be even more of a premium on what the pros call hang time—the amount of time the ball is in the air from the moment it is kicked until it is caught by the receiving team—as well as accuracy in the ability of kickers to punt out of bounds. One area that should cause trouble will come in the results of these coffin corner kicks on artificial turf. If the receiving team is unable to field the punt, it is liable to take some very unhappy bounces in either direction. Teams that will benefit mostly from these changes will be clubs like Oakland, whose Ray Guy can punt the ball high and accurate. Donny Anderson's left-footed efforts will be even harder to handle once that ball starts around on the artificial surface at Busch Stadium.

There is also a possibility of these kicking rules changing the scope of scoring by reducing the number of points in a game. Consider this. Those rules which tend to encourage the coffin corner and out of bounds punting game, will benefit those teams which have a stronger-than-average defense in that opponents will be continually placed in poor field position. Naturally, there will be a tendency upon the part of most

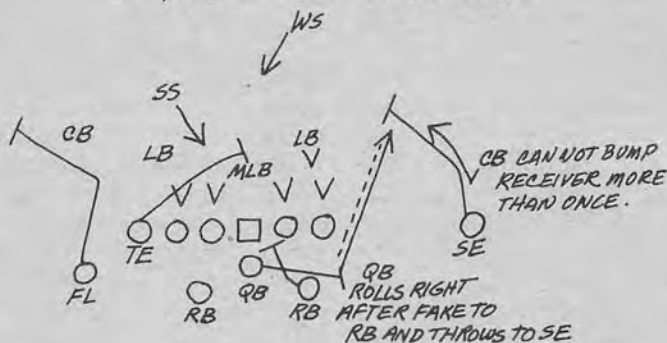
coaches and quarterbacks to become even more conservative in their play calling while under the shadows of their own goal posts.

Then, too, there is the very real possibility of more injuries on punt returns. It is not necessary for most teams to line up in their usual return alignments when opponents drop back into punt formation. The rule keeping the kicking team under wraps until the ball is kicked eliminates the possibility of throwing from punt formation, and without the threat of a possible run or pass, there is little need for defensive teams to commit themselves to the all-out punt rushes of the past. What may well happen in this instance is that the receiving team will rush three or four men to make sure the ball is kicked, while the remainder of the punt return unit sets up a blocking wall in front of the intended returners. In effect, then, you will have punt returns that will look more and more like kick-off returns rather than the punt return formations.

EFFECTS ON THE PASSING GAME

The elimination of the crack-back block as well as the barring of extensive bump-and-run contact by defensive backs and linebackers is fast becoming

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known as the Issac Curtis rule in honor of the Bengals' speedy wide-receiver who was knocked down continually in the AFC playoff with the Dolphins. Paul Brown, a member of the competition committee that brought forth the rule changes, was adamant in his desire to see the rule permitting excessive contact on the part of defensive backs with the men they have to cover eliminated. Although the final interpretation of the new rule which allows only one bump in a given three-yard area at the line of scrimmage is to be developed through application during the course of the summer, early opinion around the league indicates a leaning toward throwing the ball more often to the wide receivers who had declined in effectiveness because of the proliferating zone defenses that call for the

chopping down of prospective receivers right at the line of scrimmage.

Certainly, the elimination of an over-abundance of contact between receiver and defensive back has got to open up the passing game. Once again, pro football will see a lot more crossing patterns run by wide receivers, especially in the end zone, now that the goal posts have been moved to the back of the goal-line. Without the opportunity to effectively hold up wide receivers at the line of scrimmage, several of the league's best defensive backs will be in serious trouble if forced to rely solely on speed rather than the ability to play bump-and-run.

The reaction of Mel Renfro, the Cowboys' all-pro cornerback, is typical of that of most defensive backs. "They've just

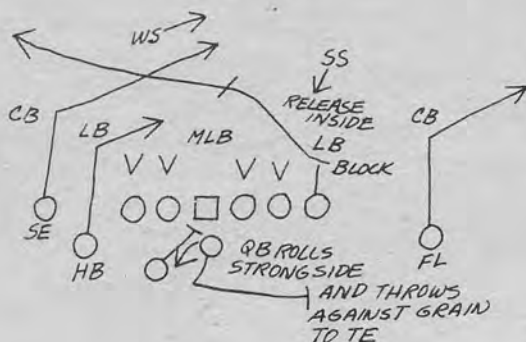
put more of a burden on the defense. I back pedal and go with a receiver myself, so it won't hurt me, but a lot of the guys stay in the league with bump-and-run and dogging the receiver techniques. The rule changes might eliminate some of them by limiting their effectiveness.

"I've always questioned Coach Landry's feelings that if a defensive back stays in the right position he can catch one of these fast receivers. Take away some of the tactics he can use and I don't see anyway a 9.8 or ten flat guy can keep up with a 9.2 receiver. I think there will be more scoring. I think defense is what the game is all about. The owners are obviously going for

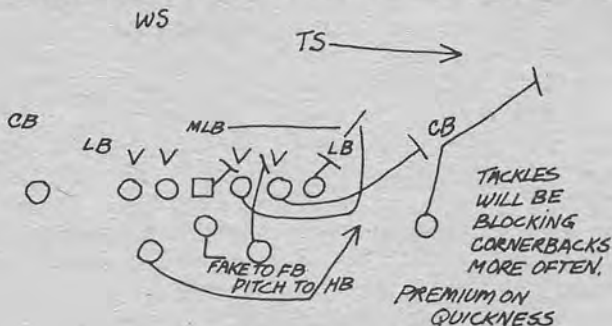
the action at the ticket windows by enacting these changes. They keep putting hindrances on the defensive back and he won't be able to do his job. All you'll see is a foot race downfield."

Elimination of the crack-back block by the wide receiver will have subtle effects on the running game as well. Several teams who employ the sweep with devastating effectiveness depend on the ability of their flankers and split ends to kick out the outside linebackers or the cornerbacks who come up to challenge the outside run. However, the effects of the change in the application of the crack-back block will be offset by the downgrading of the severity of penalizing offensive linemen

CROSSING PATTERN - MAN TO MAN COVERAGE TITE END DELAY



*SWEEPS WILL DEPEND MORE ON ABILITY OF
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for holding. In the past, a 15-yard penalty would virtually insure a third-and-long situation that would culminate more often than not in a conservative run up the middle followed by a sure punting situation. Now, there shouldn't be any of those drive-killing third-and-25 situations. And if the offense has only ten yards plus the original distance to go for a first down, the new rule will lead to more passing.

The sudden death rule was thought to have been a half measure in eliminating ties. Why not eliminate the chances of a tie by playing to a full decision? Instead of discouraging ties, there may be even more instances of coaches gambling on tying a contest so that they might have a chance to win in overtime. In three of the four overtime games that have been

played in post-season competition since the Colts defeated the Giants in the first instance of sudden death in 1958, all but one (the first one) has been decided by a field goal.

Finally, we have the comments of Pete Rozelle as to why the owners made such historic changes. "The clubs felt frustrated. They wanted to see more offense. The owners have been sensitive to the criticism of the media and the fans about the lack of offense, as well as the fact that the Super Bowl games have been such defensive oriented struggles. I felt the coaches were doing too good a job with their defenses. This should make things very interesting."

Even if they didn't bring back the flying wedge, right George?

NFL 1974 SEASON SCHEDULE

(All Times Local)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 (First Week)

Baltimore at Pittsburgh	1:00
Dallas at Atlanta	4:00
Cleveland at Cincinnati	1:00
Detroit at Chicago	1:00
Los Angeles at Denver	2:00
Miami at New England	1:00
Minnesota at Green Bay	1:00
New York Jets at Kansas City	3:00
Philadelphia at St. Louis	1:00
San Diego at Houston	1:00
San Francisco at New Orleans	1:00
Washington at New York Giants	1:00

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Oakland at Buffalo	9:00
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 (Second Week)

Green Bay at Baltimore	2:00
Houston at Cleveland	1:00
Kansas City at Oakland	1:00
Miami at Buffalo	1:00
Minnesota at Detroit	1:00
New England at New York Giants	1:00
New Orleans at Los Angeles	1:00
New York Jets at Chicago	1:00
Pittsburgh at Denver	2:00
St. Louis at Washington	1:00
San Diego at Cincinnati	1:00
San Francisco at Atlanta	1:00

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Dallas at Philadelphia	9:00
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 (Third Week)

Atlanta at New Orleans	1:00
Baltimore at Philadelphia	1:00
Chicago at Minnesota	1:00
Cincinnati at San Francisco	1:00
Cleveland at St. Louis	1:00
Detroit vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee	1:00
Kansas City at Houston	1:00
Los Angeles at New England	1:00
Miami at San Diego	1:00
New York Giants at Dallas	1:00
New York Jets at Buffalo	1:00
Oakland at Pittsburgh	4:00

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Denver at Washington 9:00

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 (Fourth Week)

Atlanta at New York Giants 1:00
Baltimore at New England 1:00
Buffalo at Green Bay 1:00
Denver at Kansas City 3:00
Detroit at Los Angeles 1:00
Minnesota at Dallas 3:00
New Orleans at Chicago 1:00
Oakland at Cleveland 1:00
Philadelphia at San Diego 1:00
Pittsburgh at Houston 1:00
St. Louis at San Francisco 1:00
Washington at Cincinnati 1:00

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

New York Jets at Miami 9:00

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 (Fifth Week)

Buffalo at Baltimore 2:00
Chicago at Atlanta 1:00
Cincinnati at Cleveland 1:00
Dallas at St. Louis 1:00
Houston at Minnesota 1:00
Los Angeles vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee 3:00
Miami at Washington 1:00
New England at New York Jets 1:00
New Orleans at Denver 2:00
New York Giants at Philadelphia 1:00
Pittsburgh at Kansas City 1:00
San Diego at Oakland 1:00

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

San Francisco at Detroit 9:00

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 (Sixth Week)

Baltimore at New York Jets 1:00
Cincinnati at Oakland 1:00
Cleveland at Pittsburgh 1:00
Detroit at Minnesota 1:00
Kansas City at Miami 4:00
New England at Buffalo 1:00
New Orleans at Atlanta 1:00
New York Giants at Washington 1:00
Philadelphia at Dallas 1:00
St. Louis at Houston 1:00
San Diego at Denver 2:00
San Francisco at Los Angeles 1:00

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

Green Bay at Chicago	8:00
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 (Seventh Week)

Baltimore at Miami	1:00
Chicago at Buffalo	1:00
Dallas at New York Giants	1:00
Denver at Cleveland	1:00
Green Bay at Detroit	1:00
Houston at Cincinnati	1:00
Kansas City at San Diego	1:00
Los Angeles at New York Jets	1:00
New England at Minnesota	1:00
Oakland at San Francisco	1:00
Philadelphia at New Orleans	1:00
Washington at St. Louis	1:00

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

Atlanta at Pittsburgh	9:00
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 (Eighth Week)

Atlanta at Miami	4:00
Buffalo at New England	1:00
Cincinnati at Baltimore	2:00
Cleveland at San Diego	1:00
Houston at New York Jets	1:00
Minnesota at Chicago	1:00
New Orleans at Detroit	1:00
New York Giants at Kansas City	3:00
Oakland at Denver	2:00
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh	1:00
St. Louis at Dallas	1:00
Washington at Green Bay	1:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Los Angeles at San Francisco	6:00
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10 (Ninth Week)

Atlanta at Los Angeles	1:00
Chicago vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee	1:00
Cleveland at New England	1:00
Denver at Baltimore	2:00
Detroit at Oakland	1:00
Houston at Buffalo	1:00
Miami at New Orleans	1:00
New York Jets at New York Giants	1:00
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati	4:00
San Diego at Kansas City	1:00
San Francisco at Dallas	1:00
Washington at Philadelphia	1:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Minnesota at St. Louis	8:00
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17 (Tenth Week)

Baltimore at Atlanta	1:00
Buffalo at Miami	1:00
Cincinnati at Houston	1:00
Dallas at Washington	4:00
Green Bay at Minnesota	1:00
Los Angeles at New Orleans	1:00
New York Giants at Detroit	1:00
New York Jets at New England	1:00
Oakland at San Diego	1:00
Pittsburgh at Cleveland	1:00
St. Louis at Philadelphia	1:00
San Francisco at Chicago	1:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Kansas City at Denver	7:00
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 (Eleventh Week)

Atlanta at San Francisco	1:00
Buffalo at Cleveland	1:00
Chicago at Detroit	1:00
Dallas at Houston	1:00
Denver at Oakland	1:00
Kansas City at Cincinnati	1:00
Miami at New York Jets	1:00
Minnesota at Los Angeles	1:00
New England at Baltimore	2:00
Philadelphia at Washington	1:00
St. Louis at New York Giants	1:00
San Diego at Green Bay	1:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Pittsburgh at New Orleans	8:00
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28 (Twelfth Week)

Denver at Detroit	12:30
Washington at Dallas	2:45

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

Baltimore at Buffalo	1:00
Green Bay at Philadelphia	1:00
Houston at Pittsburgh	1:00

Kansas City at St. Louis	1:00
Los Angeles at Atlanta	4:00
New England at Oakland	1:00
New Orleans at Minnesota	1:00
New York Giants at Chicago	1:00
San Diego at New York Jets	1:00
San Francisco at Cleveland	1:00

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

Cincinnati at Miami	9:00
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 (Thirteenth Week)

Atlanta at Minnesota	12:00
Cleveland at Dallas	3:00

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

Buffalo at New York Jets	1:00
Chicago at San Diego	1:00
Detroit at Cincinnati	1:00
Green Bay at San Francisco	1:00
Houston at Denver	2:00
Miami at Baltimore	2:00
Oakland at Kansas City	3:00
Philadelphia at New York Giants	1:00
Pittsburgh at New England	1:00
St. Louis at New Orleans	1:00

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

Washington at Los Angeles	6:00
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 (Fourteenth Week)

Cincinnati at Pittsburgh	1:00
Minnesota at Kansas City	2:45
Dallas at Oakland	6:00

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

Buffalo at Los Angeles	1:00
Chicago at Washington	1:00
Cleveland at Houston	1:00
Denver at San Diego	1:00
Detroit at Philadelphia	1:00
Green Bay at Atlanta	1:00
New England at Miami	1:00
New Orleans at San Francisco	1:00
New York Jets at Baltimore	2:00



1973: O.J. ALL THE WAY

■The 1973 National Football League season will be remembered in many ways by many people. It was memorable for the Miami Dolphins, marching smartly and to a second straight Super Bowl championship amidst comparisons to the great Green Bay Packer teams and the obvious "dynasty" connotations. It was memorable also for the Minnesota Vikings, coming off a wobbly .500 season to win the NFC title and the dubious right to spar with the Dolphins in Houston for the big bauble.

But in a year of memories, none will surpass the marvelous doings out of Buffalo, N.Y., where the multi-talented O. J. Simpson destroyed a record which seemed to be insurmountable. By running through, past, around and beyond the tacklers of the NFL, Simpson amassed 2,003 yards rushing for the rambunctious Bills—an awesome total, and the one figure which will remain as the hottest item of 1973.

All told, there were no less

than 65 individual and team NFL records established in 1973, with Simpson setting eight standards by himself. Some of the unusual new marks included most consecutive games played, lifetime, (by both George Blanda and Jim Otto of Oakland with 196); highest completion percentage one game (by Ken Stabler of Oakland hitting 25 of 29 passes for an 86.2 per cent); most TDs on blocked punts in one game (Tim Foley of Miami with 2); and most safeties scored in one game (Fred Dryer of Los Angeles with 2).

And as had been the case in 1972, the runners continued to enjoy themselves again in 1973. Led by Simpson's assault, there were five runners with 1,000 or more yards rushing . . . and a total of 14 who rushed for 900 or more yards. No matter how you slice it, that's a lot of heavy hoofing. And here's how all of that heavy hoofing progressed, week-by-week, in 1973:

WEEK ONE—What better way for a record-breaking year to

There was no way to stop slashing, leaping, running O. J. Simpson in 1973.



LB Don Hansen (58) and DT Mike Tilleman (74) keyed Atlanta defense.

begin than with a record-breaking opener? Mr. Simpson greets the season by carrying the ball 29 times against the Patriots and gains an NFL record 250 yards as Buffalo romps, 31-13. Meanwhile, the new-look Los Angeles Rams have a pretty fair running game working, too, as Jim Bertelsen gains 143 yards and teammate Lawrence McCutcheon 120 to lead the Rams to an impressive 23-13 win over Kansas City. The Rams had been 6-7-1 in 1972, but new coach Chuck Knox aims to turn things around in 1973. Elsewhere there are few sur-

prises: Miami tops the 49ers, 21-13 to set sail on the Super Bowl defense, while the Redskins, Cowboys, Steelers, Vikings and Packers all triumph, much as expected, although the Vikes have their hands full with Oakland before winning, 24-16. The Falcons flex a few muscles with a 62-7 blitzing of New Orleans and the Denver Broncos show they might mean business with a 28-10 romp over the Bengals.

WEEK TWO—Well, sooner or later the Dolphins had to lose one. After winning 18 straight

games, Don Shula's brigade runs afoul of the ancient foot of George Blanda. The Dolphins don't yield a TD to the Raiders, but Blanda boots a quartet of FGs and Oakland has a 12-7 victory to enjoy. Meanwhile, the Dolphins' opponent in the Super Bowl, the venerable Redskins, also take it on the double-chins. After a 38-0 opening day breeze over the Chargers, George Allen's men run into an ack-ack attack by QB Jim Hart and the St. Louis Cardinals. When it's over, Hart has 284 yards passing and St. Lou a 34-27 triumph. The Rams continue to look solid with a 31-0 romp over Atlanta as new QB John Hadl fires 12-for-15; O. J. gets 103 more yards, even though the Bills lose; the Jets intercept eight passes against Baltimore and Bruce Gossett kicks five field goals to give the 49ers a 36-34 victory over the Broncos.

WEEK THREE—Things are beginning to perk, and through this third week only four teams out of the 26 will remain unscathed. The Cowboys continue to ride high, routing the Cardinals, 45-10, while the Vikings have a tougher time remaining unbeaten, but squeeze past the Packers in a defensive struggle, 11-3. The Rams roll on, and do it in convincing style with a 40-20 drubbing of the 49ers. The Steelers also make it 3-0 by bruising the Oilers, 36-7.

Elsewhere, the Dolphins begin another winning streak as Mercury Morris gains 197 yards en route to a 44-23 pasting of the Patriots and O. J. gets 123 more yards in a 9-7 win over the Jets. The Chiefs and Raiders have another typical Pier Six battle with K.C. winning it, 16-3, on Willie Lanier's TD with an interception and three Jan Stenerud FGs. Denver's Charley Johnson completes 24 passes against the Bears and Bob Anderson catches 13 of them . . . but the Broncos lose to the Bears, 33-14.

WEEK FOUR—It seems as though every time the Cowboys get a good head of steam up, along come the Redskins to throw in the monkey wrench. This week is no exception. Dallas leads most of the way, 7-0, but a Brig Owens' TD interception puts Washington on top 14-7 in the waning moments. Dallas drives back, but a fourth down pass from the Redskin 4-yard line results in Redskin Ken Houston's clutch one-yard line stop of Walt Garrison to protect the Washington triumph and knock the Cowboys off the undefeated list. Minnesota, Los Angeles and Pittsburgh roll on in fine style, and O. J. adds 171 yards in a 27-26 win over the Eagles to give him 647 yards after just four games. Green Bay's Chester Marcol boots a 32-yard FG at the gun to beat

the Giants 16-14 and New York can be forgiven if they are a bit dismayed. After four weeks, the Giants are 1-2-1 . . . but only four points away from being undefeated. And Ken Stabler takes over as the starting QB for the Raiders and leads Oakland to a 17-10 win over St. Louis.

WEEK FIVE—Well, what have we here? Time for another team to drop out of the undefeated class, thanks to the field goal kicker. After riding high for a month, the Steelers run into the Bengals and Muhlmann and Horst hoists four field goals to

beat the Pitts 19-7. He'd done the same deed a year previous, kicking five FGs in a 15-10 Bengal win. The Vikings, however, continue onward although they have a devil of a time with the 49ers before securing a 17-13 triumph, while the surprising Rams also continue unbeaten, putting the slug on Dallas 37-31. The formula for victory in this one is simple—just have John Hadl throw the ball as far as he can to speedball Harold Jackson. Hadl to Harold clicks nicely. Jackson catches 7 passes for a whopping 238 yards and 4 TDs. Miami wins



Rams' Fred Dryer (89) set record with two safeties in one game.

another, 17-9 over the Browns, but the Dolphins are still tied for first in the AFC East by Buffalo! Why Buffalo? Right. O. J. jaunts for 166 yards in a 31-13 win over Baltimore.

WEEK SIX—Now Buffalo must meet Miami and O. J. runs into the Dolphins' brainy defensive coordinator Bill Arnsparger who shuts down the outside as well as inside lanes on Simpson. Result, a 27-7 Miami victory and O. J. is held to 55 yards rushing. An almost similar confrontation will take place next week when the Rams and the Vikings collide head-on. This week, the two clubs continue undefeated for identical 6-0 marks as L.A. conks the Packers, 24-7, and the Vikes hold on against the improving Eagles, 28-21. A highlight of the Ram win takes place when Fred Dryer accounts for those two safeties in the final period. And the Redskins continue to stay a game ahead of Dallas in the NFC East with a 31-13 revenge win over the Cardinals.

WEEK SEVEN—And then there was only one. Into Minnesota came the Rams with their offensive gears churning to take on the Vikings of Bud Grant. A year previously, the two clubs slugged it out in a 45-41 finale for Minny. This week, the points are not that easy to come by. Neither QB is very devastating. . . . John Hadl has but 87 yards passing for L.A. and Fran

Tarkenton 8 completions for the Vikes, but Minnesota hangs in for the 10-9 triumph which leaves them the only undefeated team in the loop. Meanwhile, the Eagles do a number on the Cowboys 30-16 as Roman Gabriel completes 20 passes and 6-8 Harold Carmichael catches two TD throws. That presents the Redskins with a fine chance to add to their lead, but George Allen's veterans must be looking at the scoreboard too much because the Saints upset them, 19-3. And in Buffalo, the Bills whiz past the Chiefs 23-14 as O. J. zooms for 157 yards to move him past 1,000 to 1,025 at the halfway mark of the year.

WEEK EIGHT—The two Big M's are moving smartly towards destiny. Minnesota's Vikings up their mark to 8-0 by lathering the Browns 26-3, while Miami's Dolphins take a two-game lead in their division by bumping off the Jets 24-14 as Larry Csonka rambles for 101 yards. The Steelers win a big one as reserve QB Joe Gilliam fires a 46-yard TD pass to Barry Pearson to beat the Redskins 21-16 and when the Cowboys conk the Bengals 38-10, it ties up the NFC East race. The Falcons surprise the Rams 15-13 on five FGs by Nick Mike-Mayer to close the gap in the NFC West, and two QBs get surprise starts and produce. Houston's Lynn Dickey

throws 22-of-32 to beat Baltimore, 31-27, and end the Oilers' 18-game losing streak, and Bill Munson gets his first start for the Lions and engineers a 30-20 win over San Francisco with 14-of-27 for 234 yards and two TDs.

WEEK NINE—How many teams have clinched a division title with five weeks left to play? Not many, if any. Now write down the Minnesota Vikings, who belt Detroit, 28-7, for a 9-0 record to clinch the NFC Central in the 9th week. Nostalgia works here too as "oldtimers" Bill Brown and Dave Osborn do the heavy work with 101 and 79 yards rushing, respectively. Miami takes a three-game lead in the AFC East with a 44-0 romp over Baltimore as Buffalo bows to Cincinnati, 16-13, and the Steelers are looking good with a solid lead in the AFC Central after strangling the Raiders, 17-9, with tough defense. The Redskins and Cowboys keep pace in the NFC East with respective wins over San Francisco and the Giants, and the Rams bounce back for a 29-7 win over the Saints to stay in front of the surging Falcons who whip the Eagles, 44-27.

WEEK TEN—If the Vikings had any lofty dreams of emulating Miami's undefeated skein in 1972, they terminate in Atlanta. The fired up Falcons of

Norm Van Brocklin use some good old rock-'em, sock-'em defense to harass Fran Tarkenton and the Minny offense and score a 20-14 victory which keeps the Falcons hard on the heels of the Rams in the NFC West. The Dolphins, meanwhile, run their own record to 9-1 and clinch the AFC East by zipping Buffalo 17-0, despite allowing 120 yards to O. J. and another 119 yards to Juice's running mate, Jim Braxton. Denver, continuing its fine year, upsets the Steelers, 23-13, and the Bengals, seemingly out of contention, hang on for a 20-14 win over the Jets and the Jets on the six-inch line at the gun.

WEEK ELEVEN—So far, we've got only Miami and Minnesota in the post-season sweepstakes because all of the other divisions are in turmoil. The Redskins take the lead in the NFC East by zipping Detroit, 20-0, as the Cowboys run into the Dolphins and go down, 14-7. The Rams and Falcons continue 1-2 in the NFC West via 24-13 and 28-20 nods over the Saints and Jets, respectively and the surprising Broncos lash Kansas City, 14-10, to take over the lead in the AFC West. And in the bruising AFC Central steeplechase, Cleveland and Pittsburgh meet in one of their traditional battles. The Brownies need a win badly to stay in contention for at least a wild card berth, and they

respond by whacking the Steelers, 21-16, to close to half-a-game. And the Bengals, who were 4-4, win their third straight, ripping the Cardinals 42-24 to keep the pot boiling.

WEEK TWELVE—Welcome Rams. L.A. joins the playoffs by putting a 26-0 schneid on the Bears for a 10-2 record as the Falcons are upended 17-6 by those pesky Buffalo Bills. How? O. J. adds 137 yards for 1,584 for the season, that's how. The Redskins and Dallas continue to perk, the 'Skins rallying from a 24-13 deficit to nip the Giants, 27-24, and the Cowboys via a 22-10 win over Denver, which also knocks the Broncos back behind Oakland in the AFC West as the Raiders top the Oilers, 17-6. The Steelers lose one to the Dolphins 30-26 and the red-hot Bengals make it four straight by pulverizing the listless Vikings 27-0. Just two weeks to go now and we still have three good races going, folks.

WEEK THIRTEEN—Things have tightened up considerably, but we still don't have winners in those three divisions . . . and so it will go to the final week in the AFC Central and West and NFC East. The Cowboys get their return shot at the Redskins in Dallas and clout Allen's guys, 27-7, managing to deadlock that race. . . .and the sizzling Bengals make it five straight by

knocking the Browns out of things, 34-17 as Isaac Curtis catches a trio of TD throws. The Steelers romp 33-7 over Houston to hold even with the Bengals, while Oakland and Kansas City meet head-on again and John Madden's Raiders simply crush the Chiefs, 37-7. The Broncos, however, aren't folding and sock it to the Chargers, 42-28, to stay alive for another Sunday. Meanwhile, the Falcons were hoping for a big point production to keep alive in the playoffs and instead fall victim to the talented foot of Jim Bakken. "Bags" boots six field goals for a 32-10 Cardinal triumph.

WEEK FOURTEEN—Well, here we are on the final Sunday. In New York, O. J. romps for 200 yards against the Jets to achieve his 2,003 record for the big individual news. And into the playoffs with the Dolphins, Vikings and Rams go the Cowboys, Redskins, Raiders, Steelers and, yes indeed, the Bengals. The Cowboys lash the Cardinals, 30-3, and the Redskins ditto the Eagles, 38-20, for identical 10-4 records; Oakland wins the showdown with the Broncos, 21-17; Pittsburgh wipes out the 49ers, 37-14, and the Bengals close with their sixth straight, a 27-24 squeaker over the Oilers and now it's on to the playoffs and the gilt-edged road to Houston. ●

THE WFL: NEW LEAGUE MEANS BUSINESS

■The scene was the media hospitality room of Super Bowl VIII, and in between discussions of whether or not the Dolphins would soon become only the second team to earn consecutive Super Bowl triumphs, the assembled experts of the nation's sporting press were speculating about the future of professional football.

Majority opinion postulated that there was very little chance of Gary Davidson's fledgling World Football League becoming more than a gleam in the eye of its founder. Such feeling was also the consensus thinking of the men who run the NFL. Orderly expansion was felt to be the league's immediate goal, and the upcoming contract negotiations with the Players' Association its most pressing problem. Very little thought was being given to the announced challenge of another new league.

Now, with yet another dollar war under way in the world of sweat, and with Field Marshall Gary Davidson in command, as he was in the ABA and WHA player wars, the WFL has launched an all-out attack against Pete Rozelle's wealthy

fiefdom. It is as though that gala week in Houston is to be football's equivalent of history's famous quote that heralded the end of world peace in 1914: The lights were going out all across the NFL. Like their European counterparts, only the owners and the coaches failed to recognize the ominous signs posted in the wake of Davidson's generalship in establishing rival basketball and hockey leagues—enterprises that have radically changed the economic scope of both sports.

Now comes the turn of pro football. The warning voices in Houston emphasized the peculiar nature of Davidson's past strategy, but no one except the players seemed to have listened. Experience forecasted that Davidson would declare war on the establishment by going after proven talent. There would be no spiral-like bidding war for college talent, with an unwritten hands-off agreement in regard to veteran personnel that typified the early AFL-NFL rivalry. No, this time around, the target would be some of the biggest names in the NFL game. In less than 100 days, the WFL

could prove the effectiveness of its strategy. By mid-March, the WFL new league was much more than a cloud on the horizon. In a veritable flood of dollars, that showered riches on heretofore underpaid super-stars of the sport, the WFL had become a reality.

The signing of a multi-million dollar tripartite pact by Miami's Larry Csonka, Paul Warfield and Jim Kiick with the Toronto/Memphis band of insurgents was the opening salvo in what has become the greatest talent raid in the history of inter-league warfare during the past decade of almost unlimited expansion.

While the champion Dolphins were reeling from the dynasty-shattering effects of the WFL's league-wide financed futuristic kidnapping of three of Shula's most valued agents, the rebels continued their checkbook onslaught against the NFL.

Oakland was suddenly a team without a proven quarterback—Daryle Lamonic mortgaged his future in a highly-paid chase of the Southern California Sun, while Ken Stabler decided his million dollar future was back home in Birmingham.

Ted Kwalick, Calvin Hill and Randy Johnson, among others, all signed up for next year's WFL-financed exodus to Hawaii. The announcements continued, and the daily bulletins read like a casualty list. Curley Culp to the Suns, Craig Morton changing his

Texas address from Dallas to Houston, and on and on.

Even so, skeptics continue to forecast an early obituary notice for Davidson's latest franchise game. They have short memories. Both the ABA and the WHA have yet to succumb to similar predictions of premature departure, and neither will the WFL.

And these are some of the reasons why.

In examining the chances of the WFL to survive long enough to harvest its future bumper crop of NFL super-stars, it is interesting to note the reasoning behind Davidson's turning of his high pressured franchise huckstering to pro football.

In essence, this is what the organizers of the WFL told prospective investors:

"In the decade from 1962 to 1972, gross revenues in professional sports expanded even more than the gross national product. The 128 million grossed by major league sports in 1962 grew to 385 million in 1972. That represents an increase of 201 per cent. In the same decade, the gross national product grew 81 per cent from \$554 billion to \$1 trillion.

"In 1962, 57 major league teams operated in six leagues and played before a combined audience of 33 million fans. In 1972, 105 teams in seven major leagues drew an audience of 64

million fans. Millions more watched the games on television.

"Major league baseball franchises now sell for from 19 million to \$12 million. National Hockey League franchises sell for \$6 million. Two years ago, when the World Hockey Association was organizing, franchises sold for \$25,000. Recently, new franchises were granted to groups in Indianapolis and Phoenix for \$2 million.

"The Los Angeles Rams are an example of the spectacular increase of a National Football League franchise in just the same 10-year period. In 1962, to settle an owners' squabble, the owners decided to buy each other out through sealed bids. The original owner, the late Dan Reeves, won the bidding, placing a value of \$7.5 million on the franchise. In 1972, his estate sold the Rams to Carroll Rosenbloom for \$20 million.

"It takes around \$16 million to purchase an NFL expansion franchise today, and over \$20 million to buy an existing operation, if indeed, one can find a team up for sale.

"The appeal to the public of professional football can be measured in ticket revenue, television revenue, and the price per minute paid by television advertisers. In 1972, the 26 NFL teams had a total gross revenue from ticket sales of \$94.1 million.

From tickets, television and other income, the NFL had a gross revenue of \$154.5 million. It has been reported that the NFL's new television contract covering the period from 1974-'77 with the three major networks calls for payments of \$200 million to the NFL. That is a rise of \$20 million over the last four year contract.

"This is the field of heady growth into which the World Football League is entering."

Despite tempering the promise of such growth with frank statements alluding to the almost-guaranteed loss of considerable sums of money, more than enough players have anted-up to partake in Davidson's grand design.

Why? Learning from experience, these investors have evaluated Davidson's impressive track record, and liking what they see, have bought his unique theory of sports franchising, lock, stock and jock-strap.

WFL vice-president Max Muhleman, one of the league's organizers, explains the method of Davidson's sports-oriented programs for venture capital.

"Gary's theory on this league is proving out. He felt simply that the market for pro football was much broader than it had been while confined to the NFL. New franchises could be financially viable without charging the fan more for

tickets, if we kept the franchise fees low. Everybody involved could make more money. Our average franchise cost was about a half-million dollars, opposed to the \$12 million cost for the Cincinnati Bengals in 1968, the last time the NFL expanded. Now that price has gone up to \$16 million with the latest expansion move voted this past spring.

"The low franchise cost gives each of our teams the opportunity to offer players more money while keeping ticket prices reasonable," concluded Muhlemen.

In order to apply these principles, it is assumed that those playing the WFL game have the kind of money necessary to sustain the huge losses expected throughout the first few seasons of the league's existence. While there is no sign of the really big Texas-based money that founded the AFL, Davidson's investors are far from being paupers, and most of them are self-made millionaires in some very competitive business fields. And, even if there are some who will be unable to survive a flood of red ink, there are countless others standing by with huge amounts of cold cash in hand to take the sports ego trip that is today's glamor industry.

One negative line of thought that is continually raised regarding the survival of the

new league is the need for a life-sustaining support system that comes with a big dollar major network TV contract. Without such, say those in the know, there is no way the WFL can make it.

By way of answering, can you recall the last time you saw a network telecast in prime time of either an ABA or WHA game?

That's right. Neither league has any kind of national TV contract at this point, and they are very much alive. Thus, the WFL, with a limited TV contract in hand, is already destined to share in a nominal TV income program that will produce anywhere from \$50,000 to \$200,000 per club. The higher figure is much more than the old AFL shared even though it was on ABC-TV from its inception. It was not until four years later that Joe Foss came up with the big money contract with NBC that enabled the Jets to launch a full scale war for college talent in the signing of Joe Namath for \$425,000. Expensive, yes, but the signing of Joe Namath made the AFL legitimate. And a similar plateau already has been reached by the WFL before it has even played a game.

Currently, the TVS package calls for prime time telecasts in the summer, and several affiliated stations are booking delayed tape broadcasts for the middle of September.

In addition, it should be

realized that the impetus of starting regular season play in early July will be that much stronger in the event of an NFL player strike. This is why there has been a growing sponsor interest in the WFL; people who commit huge sums of advertising revenue are anxious to be part of what may well be the only game in town throughout the summer. Let's face it, if you had a chance to watch a competitive, interesting brand of pro football as opposed to still another summer rerun, where would your dial be turned to? Exactly, and both the advertisers and the stations hooked into Eddie Einhorn's TVS network are betting on you having that kind of reaction.

Where will the players come from? Another continuing question which the many critics of the new league answer themselves by saying that there is just not enough high-grade talent available to staff 12 new teams, let alone the expansion-diluted rosters of the established league. Again, let us quote the WFL prospectus that outlined the eventual course of action in procuring talent that the new league would follow.

"PLAYERS ARE AVAILABLE. Only a small percentage of major league caliber football players are actually playing professional football. Approximately 7,000 college senior football players graduate each year to sup-

plement the more than 1,000 men currently playing major professional football in the United States and Canada. Among the major sources of the players necessary to start a new major professional football league are:

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS

"Players currently in the National Football League and the Canadian Football League, other than those on multi-year contracts, are free to play either at the end of a current contract or, at the maximum, at the end of a one-year option period. Thus a new league could compete for talent on economic terms only, without having to battle a reverse system which ties players up for their entire careers. (This particular item is addressed to the fact that both the ABA and the WHA had to take legal action to abolish the NBA and NHL reserve clauses, and that because of pro football's unique option clause, the expense of such action would be spared.) "There are also a number of established stars who are yielding to younger players. Their knowledge of the game, plus a new lease on football life given them by the WFL could enable them to play to their reputations for a year or two in the WFL, and also draw fans.

GRADUATING COLLEGE SENIORS

"The 7,000 college seniors are only part of the more than 40,000 athletes playing football at colleges in the United States. Thus, each year a new and talented crop of players will be ready for professional play, and with competition for their services, the caliber of players can only increase.

"Of those 700 colleges, 125 play what is called major football. If each college graduated 10 starters, there would be 1,250 players eligible from those major colleges to play pro football, or who are capable of making it. This applies particularly to the small black colleges, whose graduates staff the secondaries of many professional teams. They also supply a great number of pro football's wide receivers.

"The 26 teams of the pro football league drafted only 442 college seniors in 17 rounds. In addition, each team signed four or five free agents who have made their squads in the past. This means that only eight percent of the eligible college players were given a chance to make a professional team in the United States. Clearly, more than eight percent of graduating college senior football players are capable of playing major caliber professional football.

ESTABLISHED STARS WILL JOIN THE WORLD FOOTBALL LEAGUE

This particular area of the prospectus was authored prior to the signings of Csonka, Kiick and Warfield, but it offered a blue-print for Davidson's policy of going after proven talent. Unfortunately, the NFL owners failed to pay attention.

"Star athletes are a necessity in the WFL, and the WFL will negotiate with existing pro stars and will build new super-stars by signing outstanding college stars."

Granted, most of the name players under contract to the WFL won't be available until the second season, but there are a considerable number of players available from a nucleus of free agents and former NFL players. Now, with the two criteria of money and players fulfilled, the WFL needs to sell its product. Thus far, fan reaction has been encouraging; the initial season ticket responses have surpassed those of the old AFL rather handily. People in Portland, Orlando, Anaheim and Hawaii are anxious to see pro football in person, and they are willing to pay for the privilege.

ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES OF AN NFL-WFL TALENT WAR

Not only have the playing rules of professional football

been changed radically, the economic aspects of the sport will never be the same. Dr. Gerald Scully, a noted economics professor from SMU with a vested interest in the economic manipulations of professional sports, predicts a great financial upheaval of the pro football scene in regard to increased player salaries. "I fully expect the average NFL player's salary to double. Probably within the next year. Certainly within the next two years." Such are the consequences of a bidding war for talent. Scully has found that the average NFL salary prior to the emergence of the WFL stood at \$27,500. That contrasts radically lower with baseball at \$37,000, the NHL at \$40,000, and then there is basketball. The NBA average salary is \$90,000 and the ABA is \$37,000.

"Before 1966 and the merger between the NFL and the AFL, the average NFL salary was \$23,600," Scully said, "which means it's only been going up \$500-600 a year, which is less than the cost of living increase. So I fully expect NFL salaries to double now that jumping to the WFL has started. A rival league always has that effect."

THE NFL'S DILEMMA

The WFL lame ducks—those players who will be on their option year in the NFL while

under contract to the insurgent league—will not only cause considerable coaching headaches, they will also provide large doses of national attention with the instant and repetitious free publicity for the WFL whenever Stabler throws a TD pass, Csonka carries the ball, and Culp sacks the passer. It is not the kind of situation that the major networks will welcome, especially if the WFL is able to secure similar contracts with independent networks.

Coaching problems will multiply in the face of each club's lame duck situations. Will the players under future WFL contracts continue to perform at their accustomed levels of proficiency, despite the fact that so much money will be riding on their ability to perform the next season? The players say yes, but the coaches must wonder if they can play up to past performance level, even if they want to.

Leo Cahill, the general manager of Toronto/Memphis put it best when asked about how he would handle the lame duck situation. "I take this situation much more seriously than most people would. It will be a real problem for someone like Shula. The very presence of Csonka, Kiick and Warfield in the locker room is a reminder to all the players of the new league."

Practically every one of the names who will be jumping next

year have indicated that they will be playing all-out in their last season with the NFL. Witness the feeling of Csonka. "I know I can speak for all three of us (Warfield and Kiick)," he said. "We want more than ever in what we know will be a pressure situation to have a good year and another Super Bowl championship."

Such sentiment is typical of those who have jumped. But what about the feelings of those teammates who have stayed. Again, a Dolphin is quoted, and Bob Griese's feelings on the subject parallel those of most players who have not jumped. "If anything," says the man who has utilized all three Dolphin offensive weapons, "they'll be trying even harder. This is going to be an overriding consideration with them in playing out their option before going to the World Football League. They'll know that the first bad game they have, the first fumble, the first missed pass, somebody is going to jump up and holler something about them going to the WFL in 1975.

"Listen," concludes Griese, "there's no football player anywhere, Csonka or anyone else, who hasn't eased up for at least a minute or so at certain times. But I can see that this isn't going to happen to these three this year."

Jim Finks, the highly-regarded former general manager of the

Vikings doesn't quite agree. "I wonder if these players who are jumping will lose their initiative after becoming financially independent. Football players have to run scared, have to fear failure, to succeed. What kind of players will these jumpers become?"

Both Tom Landry and Paul Brown are on record as saying that they didn't think it was at all possible for their lame duck performers to play as well as they have in the past. Landry was especially emphatic. "I'll handle these lame duck situations as the team reacts to the situation, and how Calvin and the others react to the position they're in. Is he going to play the same way? I'm sure he'll say he is. But he has to prove it. If the team accepts him, he'll play. If they don't, he won't, because we're still a team. On the surface, everything is fine. The players who haven't jumped say they're happy for those who did. They say there won't be any resentment or friction. But I wonder."

Calvin Hill counters his coach's feeling with a solid opinion of his own. "When I step onto a football field I don't think about money or who we're playing. I just forget about everything and think about the ball and the blockers and the down and distance. And that's the truth!" ●

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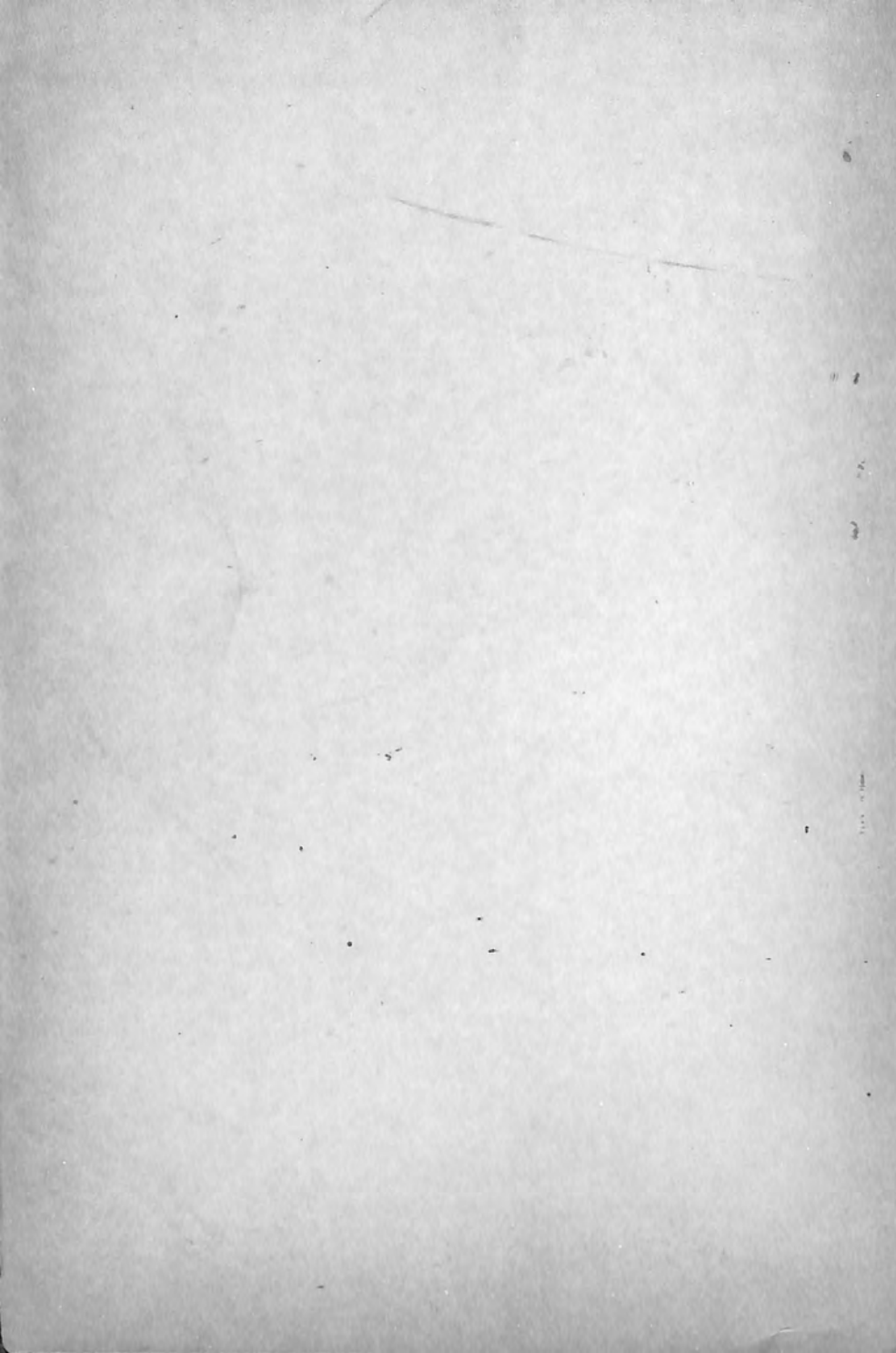
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